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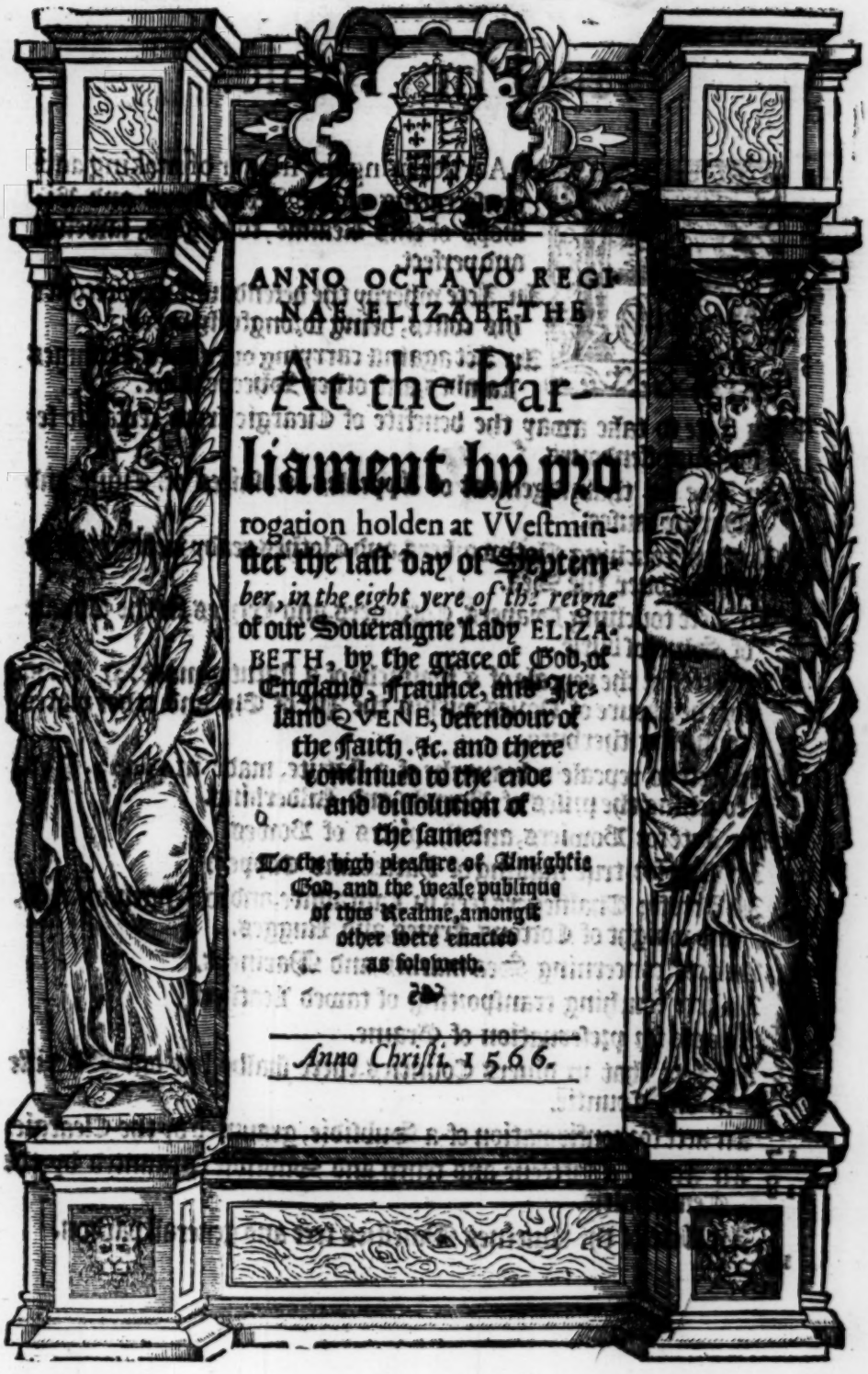

ANNO OCTAVO REGINAE ELIZABETHE

At the Parliament by prorogation holden at VVestminster the last day of September, *in the eight yere of the reigne* of our Soueraigne Lady ELIZABETH, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Ireland QVENE, defendour of the faith, &c. and there continued to the ende and dissolucion of the same.

To the high pleasure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, amongst other were enacted as followeth.

Anno Christi 1566.

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An Acte declaring the maner of making and consecrating of the Archebishops *and Bishops of this Realme, to be good,* lavvfull, and perfecte.

The first Chapter.

Forasmuche as diuers questions by ouer muche boldenes of speache and talke, amonges many of the common sorte of people, being vnlearned, hath lately growen vppon the making and consecrating of Archebishops and Bishops within this Realme, whether the same were and be duely and orderly done, according to the lawe or not, whiche is muche tending to the slaunder of all the state of Cleargie, being one of the greatest states of this Realme. Therefore, for the auoiding of suche slaunderous speache, and to the intent that euery man that is willing to knowe the trueth, may plainely vnderstande that the same euill speache and talke is not grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche suche auctorities as doth allowe and approue the making and consecrating of the same Archbishops and Bishops to be duely and orderlye done, according to the lawes of this Realme, and thereupon further to prouide for the more suretie thereof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

FIRST, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late kinge of moste famous memorie, King Henry the eyght, alwell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their seuerall conuocations, as also by all the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was iustly and rightfullye recognized and knowledged to haue the supreme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and auctorite, ouer all the state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction, and auctorite did vse accordingly: And that also the saide late king in the .xxv. yere of his reigne, did by auctorite of Parliament, amonges other thinges, set foorth a certaine order of the maner and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme

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and other his dominions, should be elected and made, as by the same more plainely appeareth. And that also the late king of worthye memorie, king Edwarde the sixte, did lawefully succeade the saide late king Henry his father, in the imperiall crowne of this Realme, and did fully possesse and enioy all the same power, iurisdiction, and authoritie before mentioned, as a thinge to him discended with the same imperiall Crowne, and so vsed the same, during his life. And that also the saide late king Edwarde the sixt, in his time, by authoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacraments, and other rites & ceremonies in the Church of England, to be made and set foorth, not onely for one vniforme order of seruice, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be vsed within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also, did adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godlye order, of the maner and fourme how Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, should from time to time, be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more plainely will and may appeare. And although in the time of the late Queene Mary, aswell the saide Acte and statute made in the, vi. yere of the reigne of the saide late king Henry the eyght, as also the seuerall Actes and statutes made in the seconde, thirde, fourth, fifth, and sixth yeres of the reigne of the saide late king Edwarde, for the authorising and allowing of the saide booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amonges diuers other Actes and statutes, touching the saide supreme authoritie, were repelled: Yet neuertheles, at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other Acte and Statute there made, all suche iurisdictions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or authoritie, hath heretofore bene, or maye lawfully be vsed ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fullye and absolutely, by the authoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and authoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from time to time, to assigne, name, and authorise suche person or persons, as she or they shall thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her highnesse, all maner of iurisdictions, priuileges, preheminences, and authorities, in any wise touching or concerning any spirituall or ecclesiasticall

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her highnesse dominions or Countreys. And also by the same Acte and statute, the saide Acte made in the .1. yeare of the reigne of the saide late king Henry the eight, for the order and fourme of the electing and making of the saide Archbishops and Bishops, together with diuers other statutes, touching the iurisdiction ouer the state ecclesiasticall, all is reuiued and made in full force and effecte, as by the same Acte and statute, more plainely appeareth. And that also by another Acte and statute made in the saide Parliament, in the first yere of the reigne of our saide Soueraigne Ladye, entituled: An Acte for the vniformitie of Common prayer and seruice in the Churche, and administration of Sacramentes, the saide booke of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and other the saide orders, rites, and ceremonies before mentioned, and all thinges therein contained, with certaine additions therein newely added and appointed by the saide statute, is fully stablished and authorised, to be vsed in all places within this Realme, and all other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys, as by the same Acte amongst other thinges, more plainely appeareth. Whereupon, our saide Soueraigne Ladye, the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, being most iustly and lawfully inuested in the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all authorities, prehemminences and dignities therevnto appertayning: And thereby hauing in her Maiesties order and disposition, all the saide iurisdictions, power, and authorities, ouer the state ecclesiasticall and temporall, aswell in causes ecclesiasticall, as temporall, within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, hath by her supreme authorities, at diuers times, sithens the beginning of her Maiesties reigne, caused diuers and sundrye graue and well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and consecrated Archebishops and Bishops, of diuers Archbishoprickes and Bishoprickes within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreys, according to such order and fourme, and with suche ceremonies, in and about their consecrations, as were allowed and set forth by the saide Actes, statutes, and orders annexed to the saide booke of Common prayer before mentioned. And further, for the auoyding of all ambiguities and questions that might be obiected against the lawfull confirmations, inuesting, and consecrations of the saide Archbishops and Bishops, her highnesse in her letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed to any Archbishop, Bishop, or others, for the confirming, inuesting, and consecrating of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbishop or Bishop, hath not onelye vsed suche wordes and sentences as were accustomed to be vsed by the saide late kinge

Henry, and king Edwarde, her Maiesties father and brother, in their like letters patentes, made for diuerse causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties saide letters patentes, diuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnesse by her supreme power and authoritie, hath dispensed with all causes, or doubtes, of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or maye in anye wise be obiected against the same, as by her Maiesties saide letters patentes, remaynyng of Recorde, more plainely will appeare. So that to all those that will well consider of the effecte and true entent of the saide lawes and statutes, and of the supreme and absolute authoritie of the Queenes highnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties saide letters patentes, hath vsed and put in vre, in and aboute the making and consecrating of the saide Archebishops and Bishops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunte, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie or doubt, can or maye iustlye be obiected against the saide elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or anye other materiall thing, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that euery thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath bene made and done, as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the like was done before her Maiesties time, as by the recordes of her Maiesties saide father and brothers time, and also of her owne time, will more plainelye testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the plaine declaration of all the premisses, and to the intent that the same may the better be knowen to euerye of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby furthe euill speache, as heretofore hath bene vsed, against the saide high state of Prelacie, may hereafter ceasse: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide Acte and statute, made in the firste yere of the reigne of our saide Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the saide booke of Common prayer, and the administration of sacramentes, with other rites & ceremonies, is authorised and allowed to be vsed, shall stande and remaine good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and fourme for the consecrating of Archebishops and Bishops, and for the making of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set forth in the time of the saide late king Edwarde the sixte, and added to the saide booke of Common prayer, and authorised by Parliament, in the fifth and sixth yere of the saide late king, shall stande, and be in full force and effect, and shall from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreys. And that all Actes and thinges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuesting of any per-

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ton or persons elected to the office or dignitie of any Archebishop or Bishop within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes Maiesties letters patentes or Commission, sithens the beginning of her Maiesties reigne, be and shalbe by auctoritie of this present Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at and from euery of the seuerall times of the doing therof, good and perfecte to all respectes and purposes: Any matter or thing that can or maye be obiected to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding. And that all persons that haue bene or shalbe made, ordered, or consecrate Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes, Ministers of Gods holye worde and Sacramentes, or Deacons after the forme and order prescribed in the saide order and fourme howe Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, should be consecrated, made, and ordered, be in verye deede, and also by auctoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and shalbe Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes, Ministers and Deacons, and rightly made, ordered, and consecrated: Anye statute, lawe, canon, or other thinge to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and neuertheleste be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons shall at any time hereafter, be impeched or molested, in body, landes, liuinges, or goodes, by occasion or meane of any certificat by any Archbishop or Bishop heretofore made, or before the last day of this present session of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Acte, made in the firste session of this present Parliament, touching or concerning the refusall of the othe, declared and set forth by Acte of Parliament, in the firste yere of the reigne of our saide Soueraigne lady, Queene Elizabeth: Anye thing in this Acte, or any other Acte or Statute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that all tenders of the saide othe, made by any Archebishop or Bishop aforesaide, or before the last day of this present session, to be made by auctoritie of any Acte, established in the firste session of this present Parliament, and all refusalles of the same othe so tendred, or before the last day of this present session, to be tendred by any Archbishop or Bishop, by auctoritie of anye Acte, established in the firste session of this present Parliament: shalbe voide, and of none effect, or validitie in the lawe.

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An Acte whereby the defendaunt may recouer his costes, being wrongfullye vexed.

The .ij. Chapter.

WHERE diuers persons of their malicious minds, and without anye iuste cause, do many times cause and procure others of the Quenes Maiesties louing subiectes, to be very much molested and troubled, by attachements and arrestes made of their bodyes, aswell by processe of Latitat alias, and Plures capias, sued out of the Court, commonly called the kinges bench, as also by plaint, bill, or other suite, in the Court commonly called the Marshalsey, and within the Citie of Londō, and other Cities, Townes corporate, and places where anye Libertie or priuilege is to holde pleas of debt, trespasse, and other personall actions and suites: And when the parties that be arrested or attached, are brought foorth to aunswere to suche actions and suites, as shoulde be obiected against them, then many times there is no declaration or matter laide against the parties so arrested or attached, wherevnto they may make any aunswere: And so the partie arrested, is very maliciously put to great charges and expences, without any iuste or reasonable cause. And yet neuertheles, hitherto, by order of the lawe, the partie so greeued and vexed, could neuer haue anye costes or damages, to him to be iudged or awarded for the said vniuste vexation and trouble.

FOR remedie wherof, be it enacted and ordained by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that when and as often as anye person or persons, after the first day of Januarye next comming, shal sue foorth, or by anye meane, cause or procure to be sued foorth of the saide court, commonly called the kinges benche, any of the writs or processe before mentioned, against any person or persons, whiche vpon the same writ or writs, shall happen to be arrested, or which shall appeare vpon the returne of any the saide writtes or processe, & shall put in his or their baile or bailes, to aunswere suche suite, as shalbe obiected against him, according to the common order of ỹ court: that then in euery suche case, if the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or pro-

procurement, the same writ, writtes, or processe was obtayned or sued forth, do not within three dayes nexte after suche Baile had and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration against the same partie or parties, against whom suche writtes or processe hath bene or shalbe sued, or if after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintiffe in suche case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shall willingly and apparauntly to the same Court, suffer his or their saide suite to be delayed, or shall after declaration so had, suffer the same suite to be discontinued, or otherwise, shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery suche case, the Judges of the said court for the time being, shall by their discretions, from time to time, as they shall see or perceaue anye suche default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement, suche writs or processe was sued forth, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons, so arrested, vexed, molested, or troubled by suche writtes, or suite, his and their costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any such writs, processe, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had against him, to be paide by suche person or persons that so doth, or shall cause or procure any such writtes or processe to be sued forth, as is aforesaide.

AND be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf any person or persons, shall after the saide firste day of Januarye, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to aunswere to any bill, plainte, action, or suite, in the saide Court of Marshalsey, or in any court within the saide Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuilege is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauinge their continuaunce, De die in diem, within three dayes nexte after suche time as the partie defendaunt or defendauntes shalbe bayled, or otherwise appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachement had and returned, and in all other Courtes at the nexte session or court to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachementes, and appearaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendauntes, where as the saide partie defendaunt or defendauntes, shalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further daye shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the Court, from whence anye precepte, processe, or attachement, shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his bill, or declaration, against suche person or persons, as so by his suite and meanes, shalbe attached or arrested into suche Court where the partie by suche attachement or arrest, is compelled, or ought to appeare, or yf any suche person or persons, at whose suite or meanes any such attachement or arrest of anye person or persons, shalbe so had or made, after his declaration,

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bill or plainte exhibited, do not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effecte, or shal suffer the same to be discontinued, or shall after be nonsuite in the same, or willingly and apparauntly to the same court, shall for veration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: That then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche court, before whom any person or persons shall so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of anye suche attachement or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall foorthwith by his or their discretion, from time to time, as he or they shall see or perceaue any such default or delay, in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachement or arrest to be had, awarde and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the saide firste day of January, shall so be attached, arrested, molested, vered, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachement, arrest, or suite so had and taken against him, to be paide by suche person or persons, that so doth, or shall cause or procure any suche attachement or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any time after the saide firste day of Januarie, shall by any way or meane, maliciously, or for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to aunswere in anye the courtes or places aforesaide, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no suche person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of suche person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachement is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person or persons, that so shall cause or procure anye suche arrest or attachement of anye other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesaide, and shall thereof be conuicted, or lawefully accused, by indictement, presentment, or by the testimonie of two sufficient witnesses, or mo, or other due proofe, shall for euerye suche offence by him or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprisonment of his or their body or bodyes, by the space of sire monethes, without baile or mainepryse: And before he or they shalbe deliuered out of prison, shall paye vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachement so had, and shall also forfaite and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shall so procure suche arrest or attachement to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of tenne poundes for euery suche offence.

And

An Acte against conueying ouer sea, Rammes, Lambes and other Sheepe, alyue.

The iij. Chapter.

FOr sundry good causes and considerations moued in this high court of Parliament, be it enacted by the auctheritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shall after the last daye of Februarij, next ensuing, bring, deliuer, sende, receaue, or take, or procure to be brought, deliuered, sent, or receaued into any Shippe or Bothome, anye Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any maner of other kinde of Sheepe, being alyue, to be caried and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes highnes dominions, vppon the paine that euery such person and persons, their ayders, abbettours, procurers, and counsellers, shall for his or their first offence or offences so done contrary to the true meaning of this estatute, forfaite and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maieshe, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same in anye court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admitted or alowed. And further, euery such offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without baile and mainprise: and at the

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yeres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his lefte hande cut off, and that to be nailed vp, in the openest place of suche market. And that euerye person or persons estsones offending against this Ruble, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extende to any corruption of blonde, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any woman, claiming dowre by or from any such offender or offenders. Any thing in this Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile delivery, and Justices of Peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this Acte to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, according to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

An Acte to take avvay the benefite of Cleargie from certaine felonious offenders.

The .iiij. Chapter.

THERE a certaine kinde of euil disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or pickpurses, but in dede by the lawes of this land very fellons & theeues, do conseder togethers, making among thē selues, as it wer, a brotherhod or fraternitie of an arte or misterie, to liue idely by the secrete spoile of the good and true subiects of this Realme. And aswell at Sermons and preachinges of the worde of God, and in places and time of doing seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not onely there, but also in the Princes palace, house, yea and presence, and at the places

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and courtes of iustice, and at the times of ministration of the lawes in the same, and in Fayres, Markets, and other assembles of people: Yea, and at the time of doing of execution, of such as ben attainted of any murder, felonie, or other criminall cause, ordeined chiefely for terrour & example of euill doers, do without respect or regard of any time, place, or person, or of any feare or dread of God, or any lawe or punishment, vnder the cloke of honestie, by their outward apparell, countenaunce, and behauious, subtillie, priuilie, craftilie, and feloniously, take the goodes of diuers good & honest subiectes, from their persons, by cutting & picking their purses & other felonious slaighes and deuises, to the vtter vndoing and empouerishment of many.

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, whiche hereafter shall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the person of any other, priuilie without his knowledge, in any place whatsoeuer, and therevpon founde giltie by verdite of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or their arraignement, or will not aunswere directly to the same, according to the lawes of this Realme, or shall stande wilfully, or of malice, or obstinately muet, or challenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie: or shalbe vpon suche inditement or appeale outlawed, shall from hencefoorth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or their cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer death, in suche maner and fourme, as they should yf they were no Clearkes.

And where also as diuers persons done oft times commit and do diuers and sundry detestable murders, heinous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and after the same offences so done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the parties beyond the seas, or kepe them selues secret in other places, where they are not knowen for a great time, and after happen to commit some other fellonie, for the which they may haue their Cleargie, and being arraigned for the same, haue their Cleargie to them allowed, and therevpon committed to the custodie of the ordinarie, according to the lawe and custome of this Realme, the former offence wherin Cleargie is not grauntable, being not then knowen, & so by that meanes can not after be impeached for the said other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & custome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, vsing suche practises of foreknowledge & set purpose, for their discharge of the same.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that euery person and persons, which shal hereafter vpon his and their arraignement for any fellonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to

the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offente or offences, whereupon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other suche offence whereupon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not being thereof before indited, and acquited, conuicted, or attainted, or pardoned, shall and maye be indited or appealed for the same, and there upon put to answeare, and ordered, and vsed in al things according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and the manner and fourme, as though no such admission of Cleargie had bene: Any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

An Acte for thabridgement of appeales in *Suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.*

The v. Chapter.

FOR the auoiding aswell of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecuting of Ciuile and Marin causes, by reason of diuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in such causes, and to thintent that aswel straungers, as also others the subiects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as their natures & qualities do requier.

Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that from the last day of this present session of Parliament, all and euery such iudgement and sentence diffinitiue, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfullie to be made therin, to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncerie, by such Commissioners or delegates, as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heires or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath bene heretofore vsed, in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the said iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, or from the said Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte touching Clothvvorkers, and Clothes redye wrought, to be ſhipped ouer the Sea.

The. vj. Chapter.

FOR *the better employment and* relieſe of great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes, vſing the art and labour of clothworking, it maye pleaſe the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, at the moſt humble ſuite of her ſaide ſubiectes, that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by auctho̅itie of this p̅ſent Parliament, that from henceforth for euery nine Clothes vnwrought, hereafter to be ſhipped or caried into any the partes beyond the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remaining in ſtrength, by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that ſhall ſhip or carry ouer the ſame, ſhall ſhippe and carrye ouer alſo one like woollen Cloth, of like ſorte, length, breadth, and goodnes, ready wrought and dreſſed, that is to ſaye, rowed, barbed, firſt courſed and ſhorne from the one ende to the other, ſo that euerye tenth Clothe paſſing ouer the ſeas, in fourme aforeſaide, maye and ſhalbe dreſſed within this Realme, before the ſame ſhalbe ſhipped or tranſported ouer, vppon paine to forfaite for euery ſuche nine Clothes ſo to be ſhipped or tranſported, contrarye to the meaning of this Acte, tenne poundes.

Prouided alwaye, that euerye ſuche tenth Cloth, ſo to be tranſported redye wrought, ſhall not be accompted anye of the Clothes, permitted to be tranſported by force of ſuche licence, but that ſuche perſon as ſhall haue ſuche licence, maye tranſporte, according to ſuche licence, the full number of Clothes vnwrought, mentioned in the ſame licence, ouer and aboue the number of ſuche tenth Clothes, whiche they ſhall be compelled to ſhippe and carrye ouer by force of this ſtatute.

And be it further enacted by auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that from the laſt daye of February nowe nert comming, no perſon ſhall ſhippe or carry into the partes beyond the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any ſtatute heretofore made, nowe remayning in force, any Clothe,

commonly called Kentishe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolke, vnwrought and vndressed within this Realme, that is to saye, not rowed, barbed, first coursed, and shorne, vpon paine to forfaite for euery such Cloth, commonlye called Kentishe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in either of the saide counties, so to be shipped or transported, contrarye to the fourme of this statute, fortie shillinges.

And that no licence for transporting of any Cloth or Clothes, shalbe construed or expounded, to extende to anye suche Kentishe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the saide counties, to be from henceforth transported. And that all the forfaitures appointed by this statute, for transporting of Clothes, shalbe, the one halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie, to the Maister and Wardens of the saide companye, of Clothworkers, to the releefe of the poore of the sayde companye, to be recouered in any court of Record, by action of debte, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

An Acte touching Drapers, Cottoners, and Frizers, in the Tovvne of Shrevvsburye.

The. vij. Chapter.

FOrasmuche as in the Tovvne of Shrewsbury in the Countie of Salope, there hath bene, time out of mind of man, and yet is, a company, fraternitie, or guilde, of the arte and mistery of Drapers, which said companie, fraternitie, or guilde, hath bene by a great time lawfully encorporated, and made a bodye politike: whiche saide corporation and fraternitie, hath by reason of a certaine trade and occupation of bying and selling of Welshe Cloth and Lining, commonly called Cottons, Frizes, and Plaines, whiche they haue had and vsed amongest them, bene able not onely to liue thereby, but also haue at their common costes, prouided houses and other necef-

necessaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, whom also with further relefe they do weekelye helpe and maintaine. And by the same their trade aforesaide, haue bred moste commonlye to set on worke, aboue fiue hundred persons, of the arte or sciende of Sheremen or Frizers, within the saide Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as their poore wiues and families, are wholye maintained and kepte. To the impechement and hinderaunce of whiche saide trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the saide Towne of Shrewsbury, not being of the saide companie or misterie, nor brought vp in the vse of the saide trade, haue of late with great disorder, vpon a meare couetous desyre and minde, intromitted with, and occupyed the saide trade of bying of Welshe cloth or lining, hauing no knowledge, experience, or skill, in the same. By reason whereof, the saide ignorant and vnskilfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly suche Welshe Clothe and Lining, as is defectiue, and not truely made, according to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouided. By meanes whereof, the saide trade is greatlye decayed and discredited, to the great losse and hinderaunce of suche poore Sheremen and frizers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be maintayned, and relieued by the saide trade, aswell in making, as working of the saide fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the great deceipte, damage, and hinderaunce of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes that bye and prouide the same, and to the slaunder and discredite of the saide commodities in forren partes, where, by the occasion aforesaide, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fifth yeres of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Lady King Phillip and Queene Marye, vppon good and deliberate aduise, amongest other thinges, it was enacted that no person or persons, whiche shoulde bye to sell againe, by waye of retaile or otherwise, anye of the saide Welshe lininges, should dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed and wrought, within his or their dwelling house or houses, or in any other place, by him selfe or his seruaunt, any of the saide Welshe lininges: but should put the same to some suche person or persons, as should be of the arte or science of Sheremen, Cottoners, or Fryzers, to be by them wrought and dressed, vppon paine of forfaiture for euery Welshe Clothe or Lining, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarye, fiue shillinges and eyght pence, as in the same Acte doth appere. Sithens which time, diuers persons for the defrauding of the saide statute, haue caused others to bye the saide frizes, Cottons, and Plaines, and then to take the workmanship thereof vnto themselues, of suche byers: vsing the like fraude, by bying, and turning

worke ouer vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue worke, to the manifest defrauding of the good intent and meaning of the saide statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and relefe of the poore men, that be Shermen and Frizers: Be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person or persons, whatsoeuer, inhabiting & dwelling within the saide Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then suche as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentices in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the saide science or misterie, shall occuppe, vse, exercise, or frequent the saide trade, arte, misterie, or science, of bying of the saide Welshe Cloth or Lining, Cottons, Frizes, and Playnes, nor haue any faccour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engine, or fraude, be any occuppyer of the saide Frizes, Cottons, and Plaines, vpon paine that euery person and persons, inhabiting as is aforesaide, and occuppying, vsing, or exercising the saide trade, occupation, or science of bying of Welshe Cloth and Lining, and not auctholised by this present Acte, shall lose and forfaite for euery peece of the same Clothes so bought, six shillinges and eight pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabiting, as is aforesaide, and vsing or occuppying the said trade of bying of Frizes, Cottons, or Plaines, shal vse or exercise the facultie of frizing or cottoning, vpon payne to incurre such like forfaitures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paines and forfaitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons, as will sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by action, bill, or plaint, of debte, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed and admitted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesaide, that this present Acte, or any thing, sentence, or matter therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the said trade, arte, misterie, or science, of byinge or selling of Welshe Clothes and Linings aforesaide: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the saide trade or science, as is aforesaid, shall and may haue and enioye the like benefite, commoditie, and aduauntage, aswell in bying and selling the saide Welshe Clothes and Linings, as otherwise, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as if this Acte had neuer bene made.

And further, to thintent the saide poore Shermen, Frizers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieued and mainteined, be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, occuppying

occupying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any time shall occupye or vse the saide trade, science, or arte of vying and selling of Welshe Cloth and Lininges aforesaide, and shall from the feast of Easter next ensuing, deliuer any Welshe Cloth or Linings aforesaide, to be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner, or Frizer, shall deliuer, content, and pay to the saide Sherman, Cottoner, or Fryzer, redye and ptesent money for all his saide worke, without any colour, fraude, or engine, whatsoeuer, and shall not deliuer any ware or other thing whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his saide worke, or any part thereof, vpon paine that euery person offending in this behalfe, shall forthwith lose all suche liberties, freedomes, and priuileges, whiche he hath or shall haue, as one of the saide companie, fraternitie, or guilde of the saide arte and misterie of Drapers: and also shall for euer after, be vtterlye disabled, and excluded to vse, occupie, or enioy, by him selfe, or by any other for him, or to his vse, the saide trade, arte, misterie, or science of vying or selling of Welshe Clothes or Linings, this Acte or any other matter or thing whatsoeuer to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

An Acte for the Repeale of a braunche of a Statute, *made. 32. H. 8. for the stature of Horses within* the Isle of Ely, and other places *confining thereunto.*

The. viij. Chapter.

HERE at the Parliament holden at Westminster, the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of the moste victorious Prince of famous memorie King Henry the eight, moste deare father vnto the Queenes excellent highnes, our Soueraigne Ladye that nowe is, amonges other thinges it was ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the saide late Kinge, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of the same Parliament assembled, for the increase and breede of greater and stronger Horses from thence after to be had, within this Realme of England: that no Commoner or Comoners within

within any Forest, Chase, More, Marishe, Heath, Common or Waste grounde, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the saide Forestes or Chases, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any time after the last daye of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowing the Session of the same, should haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any suche ground, Forest, Chase, More, Marishe, Heath, Common, or Waste ground, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue the age of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of fifteene handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the foote, vnto the higher parte of the wither, and euery handfull to conteine foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be norished in or vppon any of the saide Forests, Chases, Commons, Mores, Marishes, Heathes, or Waste groundes, within any of the Shires and Territories of Norffolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntington, Essex, Kent, Southampton, Northwilshire, Oxforde, Barke, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde, Warwicke, Northampton, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Staffordе, the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Gloucester, the Countie of the Towne of Kingston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leycester, Herefordе, and Lincolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or horses, being aboue the saide age of two yeres, & not being in height of. xiiii. handfull, to be measured as is abouesaide, within or vpon any like grounde or groundes, as ben aboue witten, lying or being within any other Shire of this Realme, neither yet any of them, vppon paine of forfaiture and losse of the saide Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Grounde, Forest, Chase, More, Marishe, Heathe, Common, or Waste grounde, at any time after the saide laste daye of Marche, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. contrary to the fourme of the saide late estatute, and further, as by the saide estatute more fullye and at large maye appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche time, diuers and sundrye great and manifolde hurtes, hinderaunces, and losses hath happened and chaunced, aswell to the inhabitauntes of the Mores, Marishes, and fenne groundes, within the Ile of Ely, situate, lying, and being in the saide Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Mores, Marishes, and fenne groundes within the saide Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, next adioyning and bordering vppon the same Ile, for that the saide Mores, Marishes, and fenne groundes, because of their rottennesse, vnfirmenesse, moisture, and waterishnes, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or bringe

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foorth suche great breede of stoned Horses, of suche bignesse and high stature, as within thaforesaide statute are expressed, without daunger and perill of the mireing, drowning, and perishing of the same. Wherevpon many Promoters, taking occasion by reason of thaforesaide estatute, haue aswell entred into the saide Ile, as also other the Moores, Marishes, and Fenne groundes, in all the countrey next bordering and ioyning vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and pursuey of the saide estatute, from diuers poore men, not being able otherwise to remedie the same, their Horse, not being comparable of like stature to the saide estatute, aswell to the great losse and hinderaunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daring to put any suche foorth on the saide groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the vtter subuertion and decaye of all the tillage and cariage within the saide Ile, and others the countreys round about the same, in time to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thaforesaide estatute, made in the said .xxii. yere of King Henry the eight, or yet any parte, braunche, or article, or any parcell thereof, touching or concerning anye the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes within the saide Ile, situate, lying and being in the saide Countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes, within the saide Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke, and Suffolke, shalbe from henceforth vtterlye repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thinge in the saide former Acte expressed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Neuertheless, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any time after the last day of Marche next comming, shall haue or put to pasture into or vpon any Marishe or seggie Fenne ground within the saide Ile of Ely, or into or vpon anye Marishe or seggie Fenne grounds within the said Counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, or anye of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of .xiii. handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hooke of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne .iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the saide Marishes, or seggie Fenne groundes, within the saide Ile, and within the saide counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon such and the like paine, as by the saide former Acte is limitted and expressed.

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An Acte to repeale a braunche of a ſtatute made *in An. 23. H. 8. touching the prices of* Barrels and Kilderkins.

The. ix. Chapter.

In their moſt humble wiſe, ſhewen vnto the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, and vnto the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and vnto the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled: the Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of all other Cities & Townes within this Realme of England, that where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter, the. xv. day of January, in the. xxiii. yere of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie King Henry the eight, Father to our ſaide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes that nowe is, there was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte, that no Brewers of Beere or Ale, ſhall make their Barrels, Kilderkins, nor Firkins within them, and howe muche the ſame Barrels, Kilderkins and Firkens ſhall conteine. In whiche ſtatute, amongeſt other thinges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artificer of the Cowpers, ſhall enhaunce the prices of any ſuche Barrels, Kilderkins, Firkins, or other veſſels, in the ſale of them, to any Ale brewer, or Beere brewer, or other perſon, as in the ſaide Acte are mentioned, but ſhoulde kepe the rates of ſuche prices, as in the ſame Acte are expreſſed, and not aboue, vppon paine to forfaite for euerye Barrell, Kilderkin, and Fyrkin, defectiue or enhaunced in price, in anye pointe contrarye to the ſaide Acte. iii. s. iiii. d. (That is to ſaye) for euery Beere Barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere Kilderkin. v. d. and for euery Beere fyrkin. iii. d. And the Ale barrell. xvi. d. the ale kilderkin ix. d. and the ale firkin. v. d. as by the ſame Acte, amongeſt diuers other thinges therein conteined, more fullye and at large doth and maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Cloueborde and ſtuffe whereof the ſaide veſſels and the hoopes thereof ſhoulde be made, are riſen and growen to ſuche exceſſiue prices, that ſuche as do make the ſaide veſſels, can not make and ſell any ſuche Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, or other veſſels, at the prices expreſſed in the ſaide eſtatute, but to their great loſſe and hinderaunce: whereby the miſterie, trade, and facultie of the ſaide Cowpers, is vtterlye ouerthrowen, to the

the impouerishement and vtter vndoing of them, their wiues, children, and families, as is moost euident.

Forasmuch as at the time of the making of the said statute, the Cowpers might haue bought a thousande of Barrell bordes, for .xii.s. or .xiii.s.iiii.d. and a thousand of Kilderkin bordes, for .ix.s. or x.s. and a loade of hoopes for .ix.s. or .x.s. And nowe a thousande of Barrell borde can not be bought vnder .xxviii.s.iiii.d. and .xl.s. and a thousand of Kilderkin borde vnder .xxvi.s.viii.d. and a loade of hoopes vnder .xxviii.s.iiii.d. and .xl.s. as is right well and notoriously knowen:

Be it therfore enacted by the Queenes moost excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause, and sentence, comprised in the saide statute, made in the said .xviii. yere of the reigne of the said late king, as doth touche or concerne the prices of Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, and other vessels, and all and euery paine and forfaiture expressed and declared in the saide Acte, for selling of any of the saide kinde of vessels aboue the prices before specified, from the time of new prices to be set in downe hereafter expressed, for suche places onely as the same new prices shalbe set, shalbe clearely repealed, frustrate, and made voide. And that from henceforth the prices of all Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, and other vessels to be solde, for Ale, Beere, or Sope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made or offered to be solde: And where suche vessels shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, the prices thereof shalbe rated and tared by the Justices of the peace, or the more parte of them, being present in the generall or quarter Sessions, next after Easter, at suche reasonable prices, as they shall thinke reasonable by their discretions. The saide statute made in the saide .xviii. yere of the reigne of the saide late King Henry the eight, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrarie therof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that yf the saide Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale, according to suche prices as shalbe rated, as is aforesaide, after proclamation therof made: that then euery person and persons so offending, shall for the same, incurre the paines and forfaitures mentioned in the said statute, made the saide .xviii. yere of the reigne of the saide late King: That is to wit, for euery Barrell, Kilderkin, and Fyrkin, which shalbe solde at greater price then shalbe rated and tared, as is aforesaide, the summe of .iii.s.iiii.d. of lawfull money of Englande, wherof the one moitie

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to be to the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie to suche person or persons as will sue for the same, by action of debt in any courte of recorde, wherein no protection, essoigne, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed or admitted.

An Acte for Bowyers, and the prices of Bowes.

The .x. Chapter.

OSTE humbly complaininge, sheweth vnto your highnes, and to your highe Court of Parliament, your obedient subiects, the Bowiers, dwelling & inhabiting within the Citie of London, and the suburbes of the same; That where in the Parliament of the late king of most famous memory, king Henry the eight, begunne and holden at Westminster, the .xvi. day of Januarie, in the .xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the said late king, and there continued vntill the first daye of Aprill then next following, there was one Acte and statute then made and prouided, intituled: An Acte for the maintenaunce of Artillerie, and debarring of vnlawfull games. In whiche Acte and Statute, amongest other thinges, there is one braunche conteined and specified, The tenour whereof is, as hereafter followeth. That is to saye: And to thintent, that euery person maye haue Bowes of meane price, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that euery Bowier dwelling out of the Citie of London, shall after the feaste of the Purification of our Lady then nexte comming, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood apte for the same, vnder the paine to lose and forfaite for euery suche Bowe so lacking .iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bowier dwelling within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shall after the said feaste of the Purification of our Lady then nexte comming, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shoting, of Ashe, Elme, Witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forfaiture, as by the saide statute more plainely it doeth and may appeare. And although the saide

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braunche of the laide statute, be nedefull and expedient to remaine and continue for suche Bowiers as do dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the Suburbes of the same: Yet forasmuche as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, Witchhatell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then onely of Ewe, vsed or occupied by anye person within the laide Citie and Suburbes of the same: therefore the laide braunche of the laide Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, nor is nedefull to be had and made for the Bowiers, dwelling within the laide Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuertheles, your laide subiectes, for the auoyding of the daunger and penaltie contained in the laide braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, Witchhatell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient time, bestow and sell the same, but are constrained to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, vntill they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the laide wood of Elme, Witchhatell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in making of the laide Bowes, and your said subiectes, by suche losses as they dailye sustaine in making suche Bowes, greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothing aduaunced, but rather hindered. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble king of famous memorie, king Edwarde the fourth, made in the .xiii. yere of his reigne, and in the thirde yere of the reigne of king Henry the seuenth, Graundfather to our laide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the laide .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our laide late Soueraigne Lorde, king Henry the eight, father to our said Soueraigne Lady, there is mention made of the prices of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall times, was appointed to be but .iiii.s.iiii.d. and not aboue, to sell the best. At whiche laide times, suche Bowes might well haue bene solde to any person or persons, according to the rates and prices expressed in the laide seuerall Actes, vntill nowe, within this twentie yeres, the prices of Bowstaues haue diuerslye bene rayled and enhaunced, from fiue poundes a hundreth, to .xii.li. or thereabouts, for whiche causes, the prices contained in the laide seuerall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties laide subiectes the Bowiers, are presently in daunger of the laide seuerall statutes concerning the prices of Bowes, whiche they humbly beseche your Maiestie, with thassent of your high Court of Parliament, may be releassed vnto them, and the penalties appointed for the same.

Be it therefore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the saide estatutes of King Edwarde the fourth, and king Henry the seuenth, concerning the prices of Bowes, and all the braunches contained in the saide statute of king Henry the eight, so farre foorth as the same extendeth to the prices of Bowes therein expressed onely, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for euer, be thereby clearely repealed and made voide and frustrate, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and also all and euery clause and sentence of the said statute of king Henry the eight before recited, tending to the making of Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein contained, for any the saide laste rehearsed premisses, from hencefoorth for euer shall not be entended, construed, or taken to extende to any Bowier nowe dwelling or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell, or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey. The saide statutes, or any thing in them, or any of them, contained in any wise to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery the saide Bowiers within the saide Cities and Subburbes of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwarke, shall from hencefoorth from time to time, and at all times hereafter, prouide and haue in his or their custodie, the number of fiftie good and able Bowes, of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe, at the least, well and substauncially made and wrought, vpon paine that euery of the saide Bowiers, which by the space of twentie daies, shall not haue in his custodie such number of the said Bowes of Witchhasel, Elme, or Ashe, ready made, and meete to be sold and vsed as aforesaid, shall hereafter for euery Bowe lacking of the number aforesaide, forfaite .x.s. the one moitie of whiche forfaiture, shalbe to our saide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie therof, shalbe to him or them, vsing the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstringes, that will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plainte, or otherwise, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of lawe, shall in any wise be admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf any Bowier, after the fyrst day of Maye next comming, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shooting, being outlandishe Ewe, and of the best sorte, ouer and aboue the price of .vi.s. viii.d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shooting, being of the seconde sorte, ouer and aboue the price of .iii.s. iiii.d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesaide, being of the course sorte,

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called liuerye Bowes, for and aboue the price of .ii.s. a peece, or that shall after the saide firste daye of Maye, sell any Bowes being Englishe Ewe, ouer and aboue the price of .ii.s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forfaite for euerye Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the price aforesaide .xl.s. the one moitie thereof, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsing the arte of an Armourer, fletcher, or maker of Bowstringes, that will sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by action of debte, bill, plainte, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed: Any thing in this Acte, or in any other Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. This Acte to continue vntill the last day of the firste session of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the true making of *Hattes and Cappes.*

The .xj. Chapter.

WHERE great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsing the arte of making wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hats & Feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of strange commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depend vpon the hauing of forraine wools, to the discommoditie of this Realme, the disfurniture of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, yf remedye be not prouided: It may therfore please the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaint of her saide poore subiectes, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by him or her selfe, or by any other, shall after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, make or worke any Felt or Hatte, of, or with any forraine wool or stuffe, vnlesse suche person shall first haue bene apprentice or couenaunt seruaunt, to such misterie of Felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yeres at the least, vpon paine to forfaite all suche Hattes or

Feltes, as he shall make, or cause to be made while he worketh, contrarye to the fourme of this Acte, and fiue poundes in money for euerye moneth that he shall so continue.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from the fyrst day of Aprill next comming, no person whatsoeuer, shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe or other thing of Felte, but onely Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knit: And that no person, after the saide first day of Aprill, shall dye, or cause to be dyed blacke, anye Cappe, with barke or swarfe, but onely with copperas and gall, or with woad and madder.

And (for the setting of manye poore and impotent persons to worke, and for better making of Cappes) that no person, after the saide first day of Aprill, shall thicke or full in any Mill, or cause to be thicked or fulled in any Mill, any Cappe, vntill suche time as the same Cappe be first well scoured and closed vpon the bancke, and halfe thicked at the least in the footestocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knight, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the saide first day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe of Veluet, or couered with Veluet, on paine to forfaite for euery Hatte, Cappe, or other thing to be made, dyed, thicked, fulled, solde, or worne, contrary to the meaning of this Acte, tenne shillinges, whereof the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, the other moitie to such person then vsing the feate of Cappe making, as will sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or allowed.

And for the better and truer making of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lefull to the maister and Wardens of the companye of Haberdashers, within the Citie of London, and to their successours for the time being, calling to them one of the companye of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shall require, within the saide Citie, or within three miles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correcte and punishe by fines and otherwise, as in like cases they do other offendours and defaultes within the saide companye. And that it shalbe lefull for all Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the like.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that euery Hatmaker, that nowe is a maker or worker of Hats, and being a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruaunt, or Jorneyman, shall or may, during such persons naturall life, continue making

king of Hattes and ffelts, albeit suche person were not bounden apprentice to the same arte for the space of seuen yeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, shall take or receaue any apprentices, contrarie to the true meaning of this Acte, that is to say, aboue two apprentices at one time, nor those for any lesse time, then seuen yeres at the least, on paine to suffer for euery apprentice to be taken or receaued against the fourme of this Acte, one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without baile or mainepryse. And that euery taking or receauing of apprentice, contrarie to this Acte, shalbe voide: And also suche person so taking or receauing, shalbe from thencefoorth, disabled to haue any mo apprentices, then one at one time.

Prouided alway, that nothing in this Acte shall extende to charge any person, allowed to be a ffeltmaker or Harmaker, with any paine or forfaiture, for setting or vsing his or their owne children to the making or working of felts or Hattes, in his or their owne houses. Prouided that this Acte shall not extend to any making of Hattes with Worsted yarne, in the Citie of Norwich.

An Act for Thalnegers fees in Lancashire, and for length, breadth, and vvaight of Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges.

The. xij. Chapter.

FOrasmuche as diuers Clothiers inhabitinge within the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, seeking inordinately their owne singuler gaines, haue of late practised priuily, to conuay and carry away out of the said Countie, diuers Cottons, fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to be solde, before suche time as the Queenes Aulneger of the sayde Countie, hath fixed vnto euery such cloth, the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appointed, and sometime counterfaiting and setting to suche their clothes, seales of their owne, minding therby, not onely to defraude the saide Aulneger of his accustomable fees, due to be paide to the Queenes highnes vse, for the sealing of euery suche cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge: but also to couer and hyde the vn-

true and deceiptfull making of many of the said Clothes, contrarie to the true meaning of sundry good and wholsome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, aswell for the true making of the clothes beforesaid, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no litle preiudice and damage of the saide Aulneger, who standeth charged with the paiment of a great annall farme to the Queenes Maiestie, for the said Aulnege, in disceipt of her highnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the said clothes.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next comming, shall sell, or put to sale within the saide Countie, or conuay, or carry, or cause to be conuaied and caried out of the saide Countie of Lancaster, any kinde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the saide Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, before such time that the owner or maker of euery such cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall fire and put to, or cause to be fired and put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauing the marke of euery such owner or clothier ingraued on the one side thereof, and the true length of euery suche Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde being wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the saide seale. And also the Queenes highnes Aulneger of the saide Countie Palantine for the time being, vpon triall of the waight of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fire and put, or cause to be fired and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes highnes seale of Leade, hauing the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true waight of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the saide seale, vpon paine of forfaiture of all and euery such Clothes Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conuaied, carried, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to thintent to be solde, being vnsealed, contrarie to the meaning of this present Acte: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to suche person or persons, that shall sease the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or will sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes highnes courtes of Recorde, by bill, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

AND be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide Aulneger, after the saide firste day of Aprill, shall appoint and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blakeborne,

borne, and Bery, in the said Countie where the saide Aulneger hath bene accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be ready vppon lawfull request vnto him made, without delay, to way euery of the said Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, as shalbe brought vnto euerye suche deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same Clothes, in fourme beforesaide, and to fire and set to euery of the saide Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnes seale beforesaide, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vppon paine of forfaiture of .xx. s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the saide Aulneger, or any of his saide deputies, before the same be waied in fourme beforesaide: the one moitie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to him or them that will sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, information, action of debt, or othirwise, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe alowed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull for the saide Aulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the said Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the saide Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges. iii. d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, not amounting to a whole packe, one halfpeny, and the same to be paide by the owner or bringer of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding. And forasmuch as such persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sell the said seuerall kindes of Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, haue ben, and are daily molested, vexed, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers and searchers, seeking continually their owne priuate gaine, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made according to such fourme of waight, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limitted and appointed: And for that the same persons do alleage, that the makers of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the saide waightes, lengthes, and breadthes, in making of the said Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, according to the fourme of the said former estatutes, without the vtter vndoing of great numbers of poore people, that are commonly the makers of such kind of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, sythens the making of the said estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarse and dearer, then they were before the making of the saide estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in ſubſtaunce or fourme of making.

For reformation whereof: Be it enacted, that from and after the firſt day of Aprill next comming, euery of the ſaid Cottons, beyng ſufficiently milled or thicked, cleane ſcoured, well wrought, and fully dried, ſhall way .xxi. pounde at the leaſt, and ſhall containe in length .xxi. goades, or .xx. goades at the leaſt, and in breadth at the moſt, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the leaſt. And that euery of the ſaide Fryzes or Rugges being thicked and fully dried, ſhall way .xliii. pounde at the leaſt, and ſhall containe in length, betwixt .xxvi. yardes, and .xxviii. yardes, and ſhall containe in breadth at the moſt, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the leaſt, and not to be ſtrained vpon the taintours, aboue one nayle in breadth. And alſo if any of the ſaid Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, ſhalbe of any greater length, then is before ſeuerally expreſſed, that then euery goade or yarde ſo exceeding the ſaid ſeuerall lengthes, ſhall way after ſuche rate, as euery goade or yarde of ſuche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, conteining the ſaid ſeuerall lengthes, ſhall or ought to way, vpon paine of forfaiture for euery goade or yarde not waying after ſuche rate .xii. d. And alſo yf any of the ſaid Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, ſhalbe of any leſſe waight, then is before ſeuerally limitted & appointed, that then all and euery ſuch perſon or perſons, that ſhall ſo ſell, or offer to be ſolde any ſuch Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, ſhall forfaite for euery pound lacking vnder three poundes .xii. d. and for euery pounde waight lacking aboue three poundes .v. s. thone halfe of whiche forfaitures, ſhalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other halfe thereof, to ſuch perſon or perſons, that ſhall ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, bill, plainte, or information, in any of the Queenes Maieſties courtes of Recorde, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, ſhalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

And further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaide, that all and euery braunche, clauſe, ſentence, and article ſpecified and contained in any other Actes of Parliament before this time made, concerning the ſealing and making of the ſaide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, ſhalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, voide, and of none effect: Any thing in the ſaide Actes conteined to the contrarie, in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, that this Acte ſhall not in any wiſe extende to be preiuditiall or hurtfull vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the ſaide Countie Pallantine of Lancaſter, concerning the making and putting to ſale of any woollen clothe: Any thing therein conteined to the contrarie, notwithſtanding.

An Acte concerning Sea markes and Mariners.

The. xiij. Chapter.

WHERE as the Maister, VVardens and Assistauntes of the Trinitie house of Deptforde stronde, being a company of the chiefest and most expert masters and gouernours of shippes, incorporate within them selues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maiesties Nauye royall, are bound to foresee the good encrease and maintenance of shippes, and of all kinde of men traded and brought vp by water craft, moste meete for her Maiesties marine seruice. And forasmuche as by the destroying and taking away of certaine steeples, woodes, & other markes, standing vpon the maine shores, adioyning to the sea coastes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, being as beakons and markes of auncient time accustomed for Seafaring men, to saue and kepe them, and the shippes in their charge, from sundry daungers therto incident: diuers shippes with their goodes and marchaundizes, in sayling from forraine partes towardes this Realme of England and Wales, and specially to the port and riuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of suche markes, of late yeres bene miscaried, perished, and lost in the sea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the perishing of no small number of people.

For remedie wherein to be had: Be it enacted, established, and ordayned, by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, by the consentes of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that the foresaide Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes of the Trinitie house at Deptforde stronde aforesaide, beyng a company incorporated as before, shall and may lawfully by vertue of this Acte, from time to time hereafter, at their willes and pleasures, and at their costes, make, erecte, and set vp suche and so manye beakons, markes, and signes for the sea, in suche place or places of the sea shores, and vplandes neare the sea coastes, or forelandes of the sea, onelye for sea markes, as to them shall seeme moste meete,

meete, nedefull, and requisite, whereby the daungers may be auoyded and escaped, and shippes the better come vnto their portes, without perill. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or their assignes, erected, made, and set vp, at the costes and charges of the saide Maister, Wardens, and Assistaunts, shall and may be continued, renued, and be maintayned from time to time, at the costes and charges of the saide Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes: Any thing to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

And be it further ordained and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no steeples, trees, or other thinges, nowe standing, as beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth growe or stande, before the first daye of Marche next comming) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters, vnder her signet: shall at any time hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon paine that euerye person by whose procurement or consent suche offence shalbe committed, shall forfaite the summe of one hundreth poundes, whereof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes of the saide Trinitie house. And if the saide person or persons so offending, be not of the value of one hundred poundes: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, Ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

And further, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all Mariners, and Seafaring men, dwelling about the saide riuer of Thames, being thereto licenced by the saide Maister, Wardens, and Assistauntes, and hauing sufficient certificate of suche licence from the saide Maister and Wardens, aswell betweene their voyages, as at other times, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the releife of them, their wiues, and children: shall and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne Whirries, or any other mens Whirries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke, vp and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and folowe the ordinarye palling and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called Whirrimen, of the same riuer vse and accustome to do, without impeachement, hinderaunce, or let, to the contrary. And that suche Seafaring men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the said Maister, Wardens, and Assistaunts, as they were before: Any Acte, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore against the premisses ordained or made in any wise notwithstanding.

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An Acte touching transporting of tawed Leather.

The xiiij. Chapter.

FOrasmuche as in one Act made in the firste session of this present Parliament, intituled: An Acte against the carrying of Shepeskins and peltes ouer the Seamot being Staple ware, there is contained one braunche against the making of any peltes by any person, other then such as are permitted to make the same by the saide statute. The execution of which braunche, hath ben put in suspence, by reason that some other partes of the same statute, are supposed to be against the entercourse of the lowe Countreys of the king of Spaine.

Be it therefore declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide first braunche of the saide statute, being not against the said entercourse, shall from hencefoorth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people, haue bene set on worke by conuerting of Sheepe skinnes and Lambe skinnes, into tawed Leather and Parchement, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the saide statute, is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuerting of suche skinnes into Leather and Parchment, hath bene great maintenaunce of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater daily wil be, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the said firste braunche concerning making of peltes be duely put in execution, where otherwise, yf the saide peltes shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same would be an occasion of the impouerishing of many of the naturall Englishe people of this Realme.

Be it therefore enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of the saide statute, as concerneth the transporting of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepes skinnes, and Lambes skinnes, shall from hencefoorth, as touching onely the transporting of suche tawed Leather, be repealed and voide: Any thing in the saide statute to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

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An Acte for preseruation of Graine.

The .xv. Chapter.

HERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogacion the fourth day of Februarye, in the .viii. yeere of the reigne of the noble Prince of famous memorye, King Henry the eight: amongest other Actes, one statute was made and prouided for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes and Chaughes: In whiche statute, is contained one braunche concerning the prouision putting in vre, and maintenaunce of nettes and shapes, whiche braunche, being very good and beneficiall, long time hathens was expired. Be it therefore ordained and enacted, by the Queene our Souereigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that onely the saide braunche of the same statute, concerning the prouision, vse, and maintenaunce of nettes and shapes, for the destruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euerye article, forfayture, and penaltie, contayned in the saide braunche, for and concerning the prouision and putting in vre of the same nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, according to the forme therin limitted: shall from henceforth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and euery other braunche and article contained in the same statute, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed and made voide to all intentes and purpoles.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that in euery parysshe, the Churchwardens for the time being, with others of the parishioners, to the number of fiue persons, to be required by the Churchwardens, shall after the feast of Saint Michaell tharchaungell next comming, yerely in one of the festiuall daies in the Easter weeke, and at euery other time when and as often as it is and shalbe nedefull, taxe and assesse euery propriatour, farmour, and other person, hauing the possession of any lande or tythes within their seuerall parishes, to paye suche summe of money, as they shall thinke meete, according to the quantitie and portion

tion of suche landes or tythes, as the same persons so assessed, do or shall haue or holde: And yf the saide summes of money, or anye of them, so taxed and assessed, be or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the saide Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery person so denying or making suche defaulte of payment, shall forfayte for euery time fiue shillinges, and the same, together with the sayde summe or summes assessed and taxed as is aforesaide, shalbe leuied by distresse, of the goodes and cattels of such person and persons so assessed, and refusing to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchewardens, or one of them: whiche distresse, shalbe ordered and vsed in such maner and fourme, as distresses taken for amerciamentes in any letes, and the same summes so taxed and assessed, and the saide penalties, yf any be so by them leuied, as is aforesaide, shalbe yerely by the saide Churchwardens for the time being, or one of them, of euery suche parishe, deliuered, by bill or bils indented to two honest and substanciall persons of euery such parishe, whiche shalbe elected and appointed by the saide Churchwardens, for the time being, to haue the yerely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributours of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules and vermine. And the saide distributours so appointed, as is aforesaide, shall geue and paye of the same money so to them deliuered, to euery person that shall bring to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes, or Rookes, taken within the seuerall Parishes, for the heades of euery three of them, a pennye. And for the heades of euery sixe younge Crowes, Chaughes, Pyes or Rookes, taken as is aforesaide, a pennye. And for euery sixe egges of anye of them vnbroken, a pennye. And likewise for euery twelue Stares heades, a pennye. All whiche saide heades and egges, the saide distributours in some conuenient place shall kepe, and shall euery moneth at least, bring foorth the same before the saide Churchwardens and taxours or three of them, and then and there to them shall make a true accompt in writing, what money they haue layde foorth, and payde for suche heads and egges, and for the heads of suche other rauenous byrdes and vermine, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned. That is to saye: For euery head of Merten Hawkes, Furlekitte, Moldkitte, Busarde, Schagge, Carmerante, or Ringtayle .ii.d. and for euery two egges of them, one pennye. For euerye Iron or Osprayes head foure pence. For the head of euery Woodwall, Pye, Jaye, Rauen, or Kyte, one pennye. For the head of euery birde which is called the kinges Fisher, one pennye. For the head of euerye Bulfinche, or other birde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penny. For the heads of euery Foxe or Gray .xii.d. and for the head

of euery Fitchewe, Polcatte, Weſell, Stote, Faye Bade, or wilde Catte .i.d. for the heads of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges .ii.d. for the heads of euery three Rattes, or twelue Miſe .i.d. For the heades of euery Woldwarpe or Wante .a.ob. for the heades of euerye which birdes and Vermine laſt mentioned, the ſaide diſtributours ſhall likewiſe paye and geue to the bringer of them, for euery head kilde and taken within their ſeuerall pariſhe, as before is limitted, and ſhall kepe the ſame to be ſhewed forth vppon their accompte, in maner and fourme as is aforeſaide. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, ſhalbe forthwith after ſuche accompte made, in the preſence of the ſaide Churchwardens and tarours, or of three of them, burned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yt vppon any accompte to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtributours, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remayning in the handes of the ſaide diſtributours, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by bill indented, as is aforeſaide, deliuered ouer to ſuche perſons, as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office for the yeare nexte folowing, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſaide.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaide, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull to and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter will trauell for the taking of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the vermine aboueſaide, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place therefore meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occupier of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuche nettes, engins, and other reaſonable deuiſes, as are meete and conuenient for the taking and deſtruction of ſuche vermine (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and other vermine to his and their owne vſes. And yf the ſaide Churchewardens, and fiue perſons of any pariſhe or pariſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is aforeſaide, or the perſons elected for diſtributours, or any of them, ſhall refuſe or make default in the execution of this Act, or any part thereof, contrary to the fourme aforeſaide: then euery ſuche perſon ſhall forfaite for euery ſuche defaulte, fiue poundes, the one moitie therof, to be to our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof, to him or them, vſing tillage yerely within the ſame Shire, that ſhall ſue for the ſame in any court of Recorde of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action of debte, or bill of information, wherin the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhall haue no protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaide, that this Act or any braunche therin conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe

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extende to giue any libertie or auctho:itie to any perſon or perſons, to vſe or exercile any meane or engin, for the deſtruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the vermin afore ſaide, in any place or places, to the diſturbaunce, let, or deſtruction of the building or breeding of any kinde of Hawkes, Herons, Egrits, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt & deſtruction of any Doues Douehoules, Deere or warren of Conies: Any thing in this Acte to the contrarie conteined, notwithſtanding.

And be it further prouided, that this Acte, or any thing therin conteined, ſhall not extende to geue or appointe anye ſumme or ſummes of money, to be geuen, paide, or diſtributed, to any perſon or perſons, for the heade or heades of any Buſarde, Ringtaile, Yerne, Polcatte, Fitchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the maintenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in Douehoules, nor to the killing or bringing the head of any Kite or Rauen, killed in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two miles of the ſame. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte that in diuers Counties, there ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in *one Countie.*

The. xvj. Chapter.

WHERE as the Counties and Shires of Surrey and Suſſex, Eſſex and Hertforde, Somerſet and Dorſet, Warwicke and Leiceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks of long time haue had but one Sheriffe, to ſerue for two of the ſaide Counties, that is to ſaye, one for Surrey and Suſſex, and one other for Eſſex & Hertford, and one other for Somerſet and Dorſet, and one other for Warwicke and Leiceſter, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon and Barks. The occaſion whereof in the beginning (as it ſhould ſeeme) was, for that euery of the ſaide ſeuerall Counties, were not then ſo well inhabited with gentlemen of good abilitie, to ſerue in

the said office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And forasmuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Sheriffwike of the saide Counties, is more then in times past it hath bene, and is nowe commonly greater then one Sheriffe is able to serue and supplie: Therefore suche gentlemen as do dwell in the saide seuerall Counties, are verie desirous to haue for euery of the saide Counties, one Sheriffe to be yerely made and appointed for the same. And for that the hauing of seuerall Sheriffes accordingly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to suche as shall hereafter be appointed to suche office, and also the saide office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath bene.

Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes moost excellent Maiestie, her heires and successours, Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and maye from and after the first day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely chose and make for euery of the said Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Sheriffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath bene vsed to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrarie therof notwithstanding, And that euery person, which after the said firste day of Nouember shalbe made and appointed Sheriffe, for any of the said Counties, shalbe accomptable and vsed in the order of his accompt, and all other thinges, and allowaunce to him to be made, in the court of Exchequer, and all other courtes and places, in such maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed for Sheriffes in like cases.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Barons of the Queenes highnes, her heires and successours, of the court of Exchequer, for the time being, calling vnto them alwell her or their graces officers of remembrauncer, and the Treasourers remembrauncer, together with the Clearke of the pipe of the same court, as also the seuerall Sheriffes, the which next after the saide first day of Nouember, shall be by her highnes, her heires and successours, constituted, named, and appointed, of euery of the saide seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwicke and Leicester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and authoritie, to seuer and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the saide Barons, all and singuler the shyres of the saide Counties of Surrey and Sussex, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwicke and Leicester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks.

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The which saide seueraunce and deuision of the saide proffers, shall be entered of recorde in the saide court of Exchequer, and shalbe finall and perpetuall, during so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuaunce.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the saide proffers shalbe deuided, euen so the taile of rewarde of euery of the foresaide Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and deuided in maner and fourme aforesaid.

And be it likewise further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that the saide Barons, for the time being, of the Queenes highnes saide court of Exchequer, and of her heires and successours, calling vnto them the saide officers of the Treasourers remembraunce, and the Clearke of the pipe, shall haue full power and aucthoritie from time to time, to take order and appointment, for the true and speedy paymente and contentation of suche creation money, fees and annuities, and all other summes of money, as haue bene accustomed to haue ben paide, or of right ought to haue ben paide, to any person or persons, by the hands of the saide seuerall Sheriffes. And that suche order, direction, and appointment so made, had, and taken by the saide Barons, in maner and fourme laste before recited, shalbe obserued, perfourmed, fulfilled, and kept yerely, aswell by both the Sheriffes of the saide seuerall counties of Surrey and Sussex, for the time being, as by the saide seuerall Sheriffes, for the time being, of the saide Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of Warwicke and Leicester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oxon, and Barks: Any vsage, lawe, or custome, to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no Sheriffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the saide Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall pay in any courte of recorde, for any duetie, belonging properly to the office of Sheriffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue paide, yf he had bene Sheriffe of two of the said Shires and Counties, as before the making of this Acte was vsed: Any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lord God a thousand, fiue hundred, threescore and seuen, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowing the ende of the saide three yeres.

An Acte for confirmation of a Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie.

The. xvij. Chapter.

HERE the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, haue louingly and liberally for certaine considerations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidie of foure shillinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of al and singuler their promotions spirituall within the same prouince, duringe the terme of three yeres now next ensuing, in such certaine maner and fourme, and with suche exceptions and prouisions, as be specified and contained in a certaine instrument, by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes highnes, vnder the seale of the moost reuerend father in God, Mathewe, nowe Archbishop of Canterbury, and Primate of all Englande: Whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburye, being lawefully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, calling to their remembraunce the great and manyfolde benefites, which they haue many and sundrye waies receaued of your Maiesties moost gracious bountifulnes, principallye for the setting foorth, and aduauncing of Goddes holye worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolishing all forraine power, contrarie to the same. Considering also the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased Almightie God first to call your highnes to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, wayghing the great charges, wherewith your Maiestie both hath bene, and is like to be burthened hereafter, for the defending and preseruing your highnes Realme, and naturall subiectes in christian peace, tranquilitie, and safetie.

In consideration thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes, and mindes towardes your Maiestie, with

with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and consent together, with moost hartie good will, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunte, to your highnes, your heires and successours, one Subsidie, in maner and fourme folowing.

That is to saye: That euery Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of College, Prebendary, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor seperated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall paye to your highnes, your heires and successours, for euery pounde that he maye yerely dispende by reason of the said spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shillinges. And for the true and certaine value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsidie shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remaynyng of recorde in your Maiesties court of Exchequer, for the paimente of the perpetuall disme or tenthe, graunted to your Maiesties most noble father, in the .xxvi. yere of his reigne, concerning suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuided by any Acte of Parliament, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely be folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the saide recorde is nowe compysed.

Prouided alwaies, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the said rate and valuation before mentioned, is yerely payde to your highnesse for the saide perpetuall disme, so as there remaineth onely nine partes, to the incumbent clere: This Subsidie of foure shillinges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounde onely of the saide nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies, that no person that is already promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithens the .xxiiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, on thisside the .xxiiii. day of Maye, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fiue hundred, threescore and nine, by reason whereof he is, shall, or maye be charged to the payement of the first fruites for the said promotion, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same to your highnes, your heires or successours, with any parte of this Subsidie, during the firste yere after the acceptaunce of his said promotion.

And your saide Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that this Subsidie of .iiii.s. the pounde, of the nine partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesaide, within the saide prouince,

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tared,as is aforesaid,shalbe paide to your Maiestie,your heires and successours,within three yeres next ensuing the date hereof, in maner & fourme folowing. That is to say,sixtene pence of euery pounde aforesaide,in euery of the saide three yeres. The first payment thereof,to be due at the.xxiiii.day of Maye next ensuing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God,a thousand, fyue hundred, three score and seuen. And the second payment thereof, to be due at the.xxiiii. day of Maye then next folowing, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God,a thousand,fiue hundred, threescore and eight. And the thirde payment thereof,to be due the.xxiiii. daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord,a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and nine: To be deliuered and paide yerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunte shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof,to the Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England,for the time being, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shall please your highnes to appointe, to be paide at or before the laste daye of October, in euery of the saide three yeres, without paying any thing to the receauer,or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receipt thereof,for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receipte of the saide Sublidie,or any parte therof to be geuen and deliuered, but onely foure pence, and that to the Clearke,for the writing of euery of the same acquittaunces, or discharge,for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your saide graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunte, that euery Priest,and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges,Freechappels, Chaunteries,Fraternities,Guildes,and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolued within the saide prouince of Canterburie, shall likewise paye to your highnes,your heires and successours, foure shillinges of euery pounde of the saide pensions,within the saide three yeres, at suche daies and times, as are before specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the saide foure shillinges shalbe made yerely in the handes of the paiers of the saide pensions, after the rate and proporcion of sixtene pence the pound, euery of the saide three yeres, to be deliuered and paide by your highnes receauers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions,vnto your Maiesties vse,at suche time and to suche persons, as the Sublidie of foure shillinges the pounde aforesaide, shalbe paide vnto.

Item your saide Prelates and Cleargie do graunte, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie,receauing an annuall stipende,being no perpetuitie, of sixe poundes.xiii.s. iiii.d. or aboue, within the saide

laide prouince, shall paye vnto the vse of your highnes, your heires and successours, fyue shillinges and eight pence, in euery of the saide three yeres, at suche time, and to suche persons as the saide Subsidie shalbe paide. And for default of payment of the saide stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyring any Priest or minister, to serue in any place, shalbe aunswerable and charged for and with the payment of the saide .vi.s.viii.d. for the said Priest or minister, euery of the saide three yeres, and shall and may make retention of his and their wages, quarterly, of so much as the said stipendaries be charged with, by this present graunt, euery of the said three yeres.

Item your said Prelates and Cleargie further do graunte, that euery Archbishop and Bishop, and the See being voide, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voide, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie, within their proper dioces, during the saide three yeres, other then of the pensioners aforesaide. And the saide Archbishop, Bishop, or the See being voide, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifie into your Maiesties court of Exchequer, vnder their seales, the names and surnames of all such stipendarie Priests and Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the saide last day of October, yerely during the said three yeres.

And your said Prelates and Cleargie do moost humbly beseche your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your saide Maiestie, and your highe courte of Parliament (for the speedie payment of the saide Subsidie, and to auoide delaies thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part therof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment therof, or of any parte therof, to the vse of your Maiestie, your heires or successours, to any person or persons, appointed to receaue the same by your highnes, or by the saide Lorde high Treasourer or Subtreasourer: that the saide person or persons so appointed, shall within foure daies next after suche appointment, receaue or cause to be receaued, the money so offered to be paide, without any further delay: And shall deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receipt therof, to the said Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery suche perticuler paiment. And that euery such auditour as is or shalbe appointed to take or receaue thaccompt of any such Collectour or Collectours, shall within fyue daies next after request to him to be made, truly and indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowaunce, as by this graunte is appointed, vpon paine that euery such person or persons, appointed to receaue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forfaite for euery default or delay to be made, to the saide Collectour or Collectours, so offering to make payment or accompte,

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as is aforesaide, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moitie therof, to be to your Maiestie, your heires, and successours, and the other moitie to the saide Collectour or Collectours so greeued, the same to be paide vpon complaint made to the saide Lorde Treasourer, vndertreasourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complainte, shall presently examine the matter, and finding default, shall commit thoffender to warde, there to remaine vntill he shall haue paide the saide seuerall summes so forfaited.

And for the better leuying and recouering of the said Subsidie, your saide Prelates and Cleargie do likewise moost humbly beseche your highnes, that it maye be enacted by your Maiestie, and your saide highe court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowing. That is to saye: That euery Collectour of the saide Subsidie, and of euery parte and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, maye haue full power and authoritie, to vse all suche waies and meanes, and proces, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and maye make accompte therof, before the Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the time being, or any other officers by your highnes, or your court of Exchequer, to be appointed for the same, and in suche place, as your maiestie, likewise shall assigne, in suche wise, and after suche fourme onely, as the saide Archbishops and Bishops be nowe charged to make accompte for the said perpetuall disme or tenth, whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any perticuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bound to paye the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, and Chaptour, gathering that which they can receaue, and making paiment therof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by their certificate, to be made before the last day of October, in euery of the saide three yeres, vnto your highnes court of Exchequer: And that fiue pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompte, clearely to be paide into the receipte of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your highnes to appointe, shalbe allowed to the saide Collectour vppon his accompte for the same, in euery of the saide three yeres, for the charges of collection, portage, safe conueying, and paying of the same Subsidie.

And moreouer, that it maye be enacted likewise, that after any payment of the saide Subsidie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunte, in any of the saide three yeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidie, being at any time, after that the same payment

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shalbe due, lawfully monished, eyther personally, or at his Dignitie Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbishop or Bishop of the dioces, or their deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour, the See being voide, or by any their deputie or deputies, aucthorised in that behalfe, to appeare by him selfe or his deputie, at a certaine day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the saide incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to paye suche part of the saide Subsidye, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due: do not eyther at the same daye and place so to him signified and prefixed, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and paide, the same parte of the sayde Subsidye, whiche then by him shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbishop or Bishop, or to their deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See being voide, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewing sufficient deputation from the saide Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, vnder his or their seale in that behalfe, being redye at the same daye and place so signified and prefixed, to receaue the saide Subsidye then due, and openly demaunding the same, or els paye the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the saide Subsidie, in and at the saide place and daye before prefixed:) that then euery Incumbent so making defaulte of paiment, of his parte of the saide Subsidye, in any of the saide three yeres, after suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer, in writinge vnder the seale and hande writing of anye Archebishop or Bishop, or of the Deane and Chaptour, the See being voide, charged with the collection of the same Subsidye, so that the saide Certificate shalbe made according to the fourme hereafter expressed and exhibited into your Maiesties saide court of Exchequer, before the laste daye of October, in euery of the saide three yeres: shall forfaite and lose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche he maketh suche defaulte of paiment, and whereof suche certificate shalbe made, and shalbe thereof deprined Ipso facto. And the saide promotion from and after the daye of the deliuerye of the saide certificate, into your highnes Court of Exchequer, shalbe clerely voide and destitute of incumbent, in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as if suche incumbent, making suche defaulte of paiment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificate of anye suche defaulte of paiment, shalbe made accordinge to the tenour and effect ensuing mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Thesaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illustrissimæ dominæ nostræ, dominæ Elizabeth, dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c. vester humilis E. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, authoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouisi, ad colligendum & leuandum subsidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parliamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuarienſis prouinciæ concessum, videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluenda. xxiiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœsim nostram. L. deputatus, & authorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & authorizatum, sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadam schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis, summas dicti subsidii pro dictis beneficiis, et promotionibus debitas, pro prima solutione dicti subsidii debiti soluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maij, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem schedula presentibus annexa plenius liquet et apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die Anno domini millesimo, quingentesimo sexagesimo septimo.

The tourme of which schedule aboue mentioned, ensueth, videlicet,

Vicaria de M.

Decanatus de A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad soluendum apud Ecclesiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè sequente illam partem Subsidii per se debitam. xxiiii. die Maij vltimo præterito pro promotione sua prædicta. Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Ecclesiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies postea, summam per se debitam, vt præfertur, non soluit nec satisfecit: neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis et catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

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Prouided alwaies, that yf any person or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunte to any payment of this Subsidie, shall proffer or tender paiment of any summe due to the Archbishop or Bishop, or to the Deane and Chaptour, where the see is voide, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane, and Chaptour aforesaide, at any time before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforesaide, that then notwithstanding the certificat made, as is aforesaide, against any suche person, the saide incumbent or person, against whom the certificate was so made, shall and maye auer the offer or tender of his paiment, as is aforesaide. And yf the same shalbe tried, eyther by sufficient witnesses before the Lord Treasourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon an issue therevpon to be ioyned betwixt the same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any for him did offer or tender the paiment of the summe due, as is aforesaid: That then euery suche incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions still, as though no certificate of default of suche paiment had bene made, or exhibited: Any thing in this graunt or Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further that it maye be enacted lykewise, that euery Archbishop, and Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant and other persons chargeable, to and with the collection of the saide Subsidie, of foure shillinges the pounde, within the saide prouince of Canterburie, shall and maye haue vpon euery payment of the same Subsidie, made to the Lorde highe Treasourer, or vndertreasourer of Englande, for the time being, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your highnes, or your court of Exchequer, to appointe for the receipte thereof, in euerye of the saide three yeres, a sufficient acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, in writing of the sayde Lorde highe Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, or of suche other person or persons, as eyther your highnes or your saide courte of Exchequer shall assigne for the receipt therof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath bene accustomed, the same acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, witnessyng the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the saide Subsidie, as shalbe so receaued. And that euery suche acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, in writinge, sealed and subscribed with the name or names of the saide Lorde highe Treasourer, or vndertreasourer, for the time being, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your highnes, or your saide courte of Exchequer, to appointe for the same receipte, or of suche others, as heretofore in like cases it hath bene vsed, shall and maye be good and effectuall in the lawe, and be also a sufficient discharge to

all and euery of the saide Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that euery of the saide Collectours shall paye but onely three shillinges, and fourepence, for euery generall and finall acquittaunce, discharge, or quietus est, for euery yeres payment of the said Subsidie, And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche vppon payment of any parte of the saide Subsidie, shalbe made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidie, or of any payment thereof, or by his or their deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorie and chargeable to and with the same Subsidie, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all suche summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittaunce shalbe acknowleged, to be receaued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or parte of the same Subsidie. And that none acquittaunce of any other person or persons, made before such certificate, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidie, nor of any paine, penaltie, or forfaiture, specified in this graunt.

And to the intent it maye be knowen to the counte of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittaunce: Euery Archbishop, Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See being voide, shall yerely with the certificat of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to be appointed, as is aforesaide.

Prouided alwaies, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues, annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goodes or cattels, growing, being, or remuing vpon the same, or els where, appertayning to the owners of the saide spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie, to any fyftenth or tenth, or any other Subsidie, already graunted to your highnes by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the saide three yeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the saide prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidie for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to their seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clerely and distinctely limitted,

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and to their owne vieliye vles seuered, thereof to paye the tenth parte, being deducted foure shillinges of euery pounde, within the saide three yeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by youre highnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or anye other person or persons whatsoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequethed, deuised, or imployed vnto the saide Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be assigned or vsed, either for or towardes the yerely maintenaunce of poore men, Schoolemaisters, Vshers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Chorall readers of diuinitie, singing men, Choristers, Vergers, or of any other necessarye and dayly officers or ministers, in such Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repayring of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Ecclesiæ, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidye. The certaintie of whiche portions, aswell chargeable to this Subsidye, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbishop or Bishop of the dioces, or the See being voide, the Deane and Chaptour, vpon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder his or their seale, into your highnes saide court of Exchequer, before the saide last day of October, in euerye of the saide three yeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and maye reteyne sixteene pence of euery pounde, of euery such pension euerye yere, during the saide three yeres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to paye this Subsidye of foure shillinges the pounde, out of euery pounde of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do moste humblye beseche your highnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties authoritie, and your high Court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, latelye belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the saide prouince of Canterbury, which were geuen and assigned, to be bestowed and spent to and on the finding and maintaining of certayne Chauntryes, Annuiuersaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late king of famous memorie Edwarde the sixte, by force of a Statute thereof made in the first yere of his late reigne, as by the saide statute more plainely appeareth: That the sayde Cathe-

dꝛall Churches, and the Biſhops, Deanes, oꝛ Pꝛeſidenters and Chaptours of the ſame, and all other places and perſons, oꝛ anye of them, to whom the ſaide landes, rentes, and all other the pꝛemiſſes oꝛ any of them, did lately appertaine: ſhall not during the ſaide three yeres, be charged to and with any paiment of Subſidye of and foꝛ that part oꝛ poꝛtion of landes, tenemeintes, rentes, ſpirituall pꝛomotions and other hereditamentes, oꝛ any of them, whereunto the ſaide late King by foꝛce of the ſaide ſtatute was intituled oꝛ poſſeſſed of, noꝛ of, oꝛ foꝛ any yerely rentes oꝛ paimentes, going out, oꝛ due to be paide vnto your Maieſtie, out of the pꝛemiſſes, noꝛ any part therof: But only of and foꝛ all and ſinguler landes, tenements, rents, ſpirituall pꝛomotions, tithes, penſions, poꝛtions, fruites, and other hereditaments, which do yet ſtill remaine not diſſeuered from the handes and poſſeſſion of the ſaid Cathedꝛall Churches, and other the places and perſons Eccleſiaſticall afoꝛeſaide. And that deduction and allowaunce thereof to be made to them, and euery of them, accoꝛdingly, in and vpon euery paiment of this ſaid Subſidie, out of the whole value, taxation, and eſtimation, made foꝛ the payment of the ſaide perpetuall diſme oꝛ tenthe, remaining of recoꝛde in your highnes court of Exchequer, foꝛ that rate and poꝛtion of landes, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall pꝛomotions, and other hereditamentes, and foꝛ thoſe yerely paymentes, whereunto the ſaide late King was intituled oꝛ poſſeſſed of, oꝛ which otherwiſe haue bene ſeuered from the poſſeſſions of the ſaide Cathedꝛall Churches, and other places and perſons afoꝛeſaide, by foꝛce of the ſtatute pꝛemiſed: The ſame Acte, oꝛ any other Acte oꝛ Actes whatſoeuer, oꝛ any thing therin conteined to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

Pꝛouided alſo, that this Subſidye graunted by the Cleargie, ſhall not be demaunded oꝛ leuied out of any benefice, houſe of ſtudentes, oꝛ College, ſituate oꝛ ſet within eyther of the vniuerſities of Oxfoꝛde and Cambꝛidge, oꝛ of any other benefice oꝛ other reuenues vnto the ſaide houſes oꝛ Colleges in the ſaide vniuerſities, oꝛ in eyther of them, oꝛ to any houſe of Studentes oꝛ College in any of the ſame vniuerſities, vnited, appꝛoꝛied, oꝛ appertaining, oꝛ of the Colleges of Windſoꝛ, oꝛ Eton nigh Windſoꝛ, oꝛ of the College called ſaint Marie College by Wincheſter, founded by William Wickham, ſometime Biſhop of Wincheſter, oꝛ of any Hoſpitalles, oꝛ Grammer Schooles, oꝛ of any other Churche, benefice, oꝛ other reuenues, to the ſaide vniuerſities, Houſes, Colleges, Hoſpitalles, Almes houſes, Almes halles, oꝛ Grammer Schooles, oꝛ to any of them, annexed, appꝛoꝛiated, oꝛ otherwiſe appertaining.

Pꝛouided alwayes, that all Parſons, Vicars, and other Eccleſiaſticall perſons, whoſe benefices be not aboue fiue poundes, thirteene ſhillinges, and foure pence, by yere, after the taxation afoꝛeſaide, ſhall not

not be charged with this Subsidie, or any part thereof.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose benefice is aboue fiue pounds, thirteene shillinges, and foure pence, and not aboue tenne pounds by yeir, after the taxation aforesaide, shall paye euery yere of the saide three yeres, onely six shillinges eight pence for this parte of the saide Subsidye, as stipendarie Prieftes be charged to paye, by force of this graunt, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religeous persons, hauing a pension or by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Free chappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of them, and being of the summe of fourtie shillinges, or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pension: Any thing conteined in this graunt to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true paiment of this Subsidie graunted by your saide Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Canterbury, according to the tenour, purporte, effecte, and true meaning of this present graunt: Your saide Prelates and Clergie, moste humblye desire your highnes, that this their sayde gifte, graunt, and Subsidye, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concerning the saide Subsidy, maye be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the authoritie of your highnes Court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure paiment of the saide Subsidye, graunted by the saide Prelates and Clergie of the saide prouince of Canterburye, according to the tenour, effecte, and true meaning of the saide instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the saide gifte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the saide instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, established, and confirmed, by the authoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the saide Subsidye, shall haue full power and authoritie, to leuie, take, and perceaue the same Subsidye, by the authoritie of the Censures of the Churche: That is to saye, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruictes and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vppon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes,

tenementes, chargeable by the said instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or otherwise, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition, or supersedeas shalbe alowed or obeyed for anye person or persons, making defaulte of payment of the said Subsidye, contrarye to the tenour of the graunte thereof, vntill suche time as they haue truely satisfyed and contented all suche part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery suche farmour and Farmours, their executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged, to and with the payment of the saide Subsidye, or any parte thereof, shall by the aucthoritie aforesaide, be alowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely rent and farme, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leassour, shall extende vnto, except the saide farmour or farmours, their executours and assignes, by the leasse and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites and tenementes chargeable to this saide Subsidye, or by force of any couenaunt, or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge their Leassour and Landlorde, during the terme mentioned in the saide leasse.

And likewise be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidye, being oftentimes remoueable, do serue aswell in diuers impropriations, belonging to the Queenes Maiestye, as in other impropriations, and in other spirituall promotions, belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recouery of the saide Subsidye, it maye be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the saide Subsidye, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the saide Subsidie vppon the farmour and farmours, or occupyers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Churche aforesaid, and euery of them, or by way of distresse, of the tythes of the saide impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwise, vppon the goodes and cattels of the saide Farmour or farmours, and occupiers, in which case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other processe, awarded to the contrary, shalbe obeyed. Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vsed, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers and ministers of suche Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not paiment of the saide Subsidie, after the same shalbe due in any of the saide three yeres, to praise and value the saide distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neighbours, by him to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praised, to sell, and thereof to deteyne

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so muche money, as shall amounte to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the saide Collectour, susteined in that behalfe, and the reste of the money made of the saide distresse, to be deliuered and paide to the owner or occupier therof.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauing spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing temporall possessions, goodes, chattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidie graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, taxed, and set, for his saide spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwise: Any thing before mentioned to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery graunte and grauntes, of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect, in all thinges, as the saide graunte made by the saide prouince of Canterbury: and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuied, gathered and paied, according to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and fourme, as though it were specially, plainely, and perticulerly expressed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all prouisoes before rehearsed, conteined in the saide graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteined in the graunte of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorcke, shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kepte in euery pointe and article, according to the true purporte and meaning of the same.

An Acte of one Fifteene and Tenth, and of one Subsidie, graunted by the Temporaltie.

WE your Maiesties moste humble Subiectes, meaning (according to our moste bounden dueties) to present vnto your Maiestie, by wayes of Subsidie, some reliefe, for the great extraordinarie charges susteyned in the defence of your Maiesties dominions and countreys, agaynst sundrye daungerous attemptes: can not forbeare, but with all humblenesse, moste thankefully to set before the same our moste lowlye thankes, for three speciall matters proceading from your Maiestie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this present assemblee.

First, for the moste princely consideration hadde of vs, in the forbearing at this time some portion of that, whiche according to the greatnesse and necessitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yelded vnto your Maiestie.

Secondly, for the moste comfortable assurance and promise, by your Maiestie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and suretie, your Maiestie would marry, assoone as God should geue you oportunitie to accomplishe the same, whereof we haue receaued infinite comfort, and shall pray to almightie God to further & prosper all your Maiesties actions tending thereunto, that we your moste naturall Subiectes, may speedily see some noble issue of your body, to continue perpetually by discent the succession of this imperiall Crowne.

Thirdly, for the great hope and comforte we haue conceaued, by the meanes of your Maiesties most honourable speaches vttered and declared vnto vs, of your most gracious and princely disposition and determination, when tyme shall thereunto serue conueniently, with the suretie of your Maiesties person, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further stadiisoing of the succession of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iustice shall require the same, after the succession of thissue of your body: In which your gracious disposition and care for vs, we most humbly beseche almightie God to continue your Maiestie, and to prosper

your intentions and actions, to establishe that, which with assent of your Realme in Parliament, may be agreable and consonant to lawe and iustice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayse, honour and memorie of your Maiestie, and yours perpetually: And that touching the graunt of our sayde Subsidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowing.

BE IT ENACTED, that your highnesse, toward the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maynteynaunce of your royall estate, shall haue by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, one Fyfteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, & leuied, of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thinges vsuall to suche Fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vsed: excepte the summe of sixe thousande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, in reliefe, comforte, and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your sayde Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after suche rate as was and hath afore this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be deuyded in such maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath ben had and deuided. And the sayde Fifteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforesayde, therebypon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowing: that is to say, the one moitie thereof (except before excepted) to be payde to your highnes, in the receipt of your highnes Exchequer, before the first day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. [illegible] And the other moitie of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your highnes, in the sayde receipt of your Exchequer, before the first day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. [illegible]

BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Knightes elected and returned of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeses of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue bemused to be named and appoynted, for the Collection of any Fyfteene and Tenth, before this time graunted, shall name and appoynt onlye before the last day of August, in eyther of the sayde two yeres, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the sayde seuerall moyties of the sayde Fyfteene and Tenth, in euery of the sayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the sayd persons then hauing landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right, of an estate of inheritaunce, of the yerely value of. x. li. or in goodes worth a C. li. at the least. And also suche

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perſon or perſons, ſo by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe by them ſeuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And alſo the ſayde perſons ſo named and appoynted for the collection of the ſayd ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe ſeuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Exchequer to be made, with the ſeuerall moities of all ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they ſhall ſo happen to be appoynted, ſhall amount vnto, and of no more ſumme or ſummes, and vppon the payment of ſuche ſummes of money, as he or they ſhall ſo be charged with, ſhalbe diſcharged, and haue his and their Quietus eſt, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his fellowes, or the inſufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithſtanding. And the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſayd Collectours, for the ſeuerall moities of the ſaid Fifteene and Tenth, durying eyther of the ſayde two yeres, together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the ſayde Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeſes for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherevnto they be elected, named, and returned: ſhall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the ſame two yeres, according to the tenour of this Act. And yf default of any ſuche certifying be had or made, in fourme as is afore-ſayde: then the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, ſhall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectours, for the collection of eyther of the ſayd moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in maner and forme, as the ſayde Knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſes of Boroughes ſhoulde haue done, and as afore time hath bene vſed. The which ſayde Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be named and appoynted as is afore ſayde, ſhall haue allowaunce vppon their accomptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moitie of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth natably, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any Fifteene and Tenth, haue had at any ſeaſon in tyme paſt. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, ſhall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde ſuche proceſſe for the ſpeedy payment of the ſayde ſeuerall moities of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, againſt the Collectour and Collectours of the ſame, as by their diſcretions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Lorde Chauncelour, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knightes of the Shire, Citi-

zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauyng aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth: shall vppon their nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & be endorsed vpon such condition, that if the sayde Collectour or Collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, so much of the summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and gathered, and do likewyse after the sayde first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or oblygation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. Which Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Knightes of the shire, Citiezens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, taking any such Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeres, vpon payne of forfayture of .x.li. to the Queenes highnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken & not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, vpon request to him made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordingly, vppon lyke payne of forfayture of .x.li. to the Queene, for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, vpon the payment of the same collection, at the sayde dayes shal cancel and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, without any other warraunt, and without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our lyke assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spiritual and temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to say, aswell

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of euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng worth three pounds, for euery pounde, aswell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery such person, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Misterie, Brotherhead, Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vse: as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, all maner of corne and grayne, housholde stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, aswell within the Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience surely to be payde: Except, and out of the premisses deducted, such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth truly to pay, and except also the apparell of euery such persons, their wiues & children, belonging to their owne bodyes, sauyng Jewels, golde, siluer, stone and pearle: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidye .xii.d. of euery pounde, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidye .x.d. of euery pounde. And also euery Alien and straunger borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, aswel Denizen, as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the valus of euery pounde in plate, corne, grayne, marchaundizes, householde stuffe, or other goodes, iewels, cattels, moueable, or vnmoueable, as is aforesayd, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all summes of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they trust in his or their conscience to be payde: Except, and out of the same premisses deducted, euery suche summe or summes of money which he or they do owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intende truely to paye: shall pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidye .ii.s. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidye .xx.d. of euery pounde. And also that euery Alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, beyng Denizen, or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aboue sayd, shall pay to & for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie .iiii.d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii.d. for euery polle. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe abiding at the time of the taration or tarations therof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment therof.

AND be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Gylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, for euery pounde that euery of the

same persons, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guilde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, haty in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardship, or by copy of court roll, of, and in any honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of. xx. s. aswell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, or els where, and so bywardes: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounde, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounde. And euery Alien, denizen, or not denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, in such case, to pay at the first of the sayde paymentes. ii. s. viii. d. of euery pounde, and at the seconde payment. ii. s. viii. d. of & for euery pounde. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteyned, shall be at eyther of the sayde paymentes, set and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yerely wages due to seruauntes for their yerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruauntes, taking yerely wages of. v. li. or aboue, onlye excepted and foreprysed.) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person and persons, to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guilde, Misterie, Brotherhead, or any Comminaltie, being Corporate, or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this Act, as the value certified by the presentours of that Certificate, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abouesaid, and of euery pounde in lands, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, as is abouesaid, and the summes that are before rehearsed, set and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goodes in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by auctoritie of this Acte, shalbe discharged against him or them that shall or ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custodye or possession of the same. Except and alwayes foreprysed from the charge and assessement of this Subsidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, which haue ben ordeyned and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe by thauctoritie aforesayd, tared, assessed, and rated according to this Act, in euery Shire, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Raye, Citie, Borough, Towne,

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and euery other place, within this Realme of Englande, & Wales; and other the Queenes dominions, before the .x. day of Februarye next comming. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctoritie aforesayde, taxed, assessed, and rated, before the tenth day of Februarye, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God M.D.lxvii. And the particuler summes of euery Shyre, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforsayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the first payment of the said Subsidie, to be taxed and set by the Commissioners to the same limitted, by two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the .x. day of Marche next comming. And the particular summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particular names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be taxed & set by Commissioners, to the same to be limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the .x. day of March, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, M.D.lxvii. And the saide summes, in fourme aforesaid, to be taxed to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, before the first day of Aprill next comming. And the sayde summes in manner and fourme aforesayde, to be taxed for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayde, to the vse aforesayde, before the first day of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God M.D.lxviii. And the summes abouesayde, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe taxed, set, assessed, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed, and payde, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Lady, her heires, and successors, in fourme abouesayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt, or not exempt, as without: except suche shires, places, and persons, as shalbe excepted, in, and by this present Acte. Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter or discharge heretofore to the contrarye made, graunted, vsed, or obserued, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, as well suche as be borne within the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the time of the sayd assessinges or taxationes or of eyther of them, to be had or made,

made, shalbe out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fres or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the Certificat of the inhabitauntes of the place, where such goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, deputie, or atturney, shall haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if the sayde person were or had ben at the time of the sayde assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this Acte, according & after the rate of such yerely substaunce, or value of landes & tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in the time of the said assessing or taxation vpon him to be made, & in none otherwise.

AND further be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that for the setting and ordering of the sayde Subsidie, to be duely had, the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale, the Lord Treasorer of England, the Lord Steward of the Quenes Maiesties houshold, the Lord President of the Queenes honorable Councell, and the Lord Priuie seale for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chauncelour of England, or keper of the great seale for the time being, to be one: shall and may name & appoint, of, and for euery shire, and Rydyng, and other places, aswel within the Realme, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, and also of, and for euery Citie & Towne, beyng a Countie of itselfe, and of, and for the Ile of Wyght, such certaine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Ile of Wyght, and euery other place, as they shall thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable houshold of the Queenes Maiestie, in what shyre or other places the sayd houshold shal happen then to be. And the Lord Chauncelour, or Lord keper of the great seale, & other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesayd, in like maner may name and appoint of euery other such Borough, and Towne corporate, aswell in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, vi. v. iiii. iii. or two of the head officers, and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The whiche persons, if any such be there vnto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of them selues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the

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perſons named for ſuch Shires & Rydinges, as the ſaid Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in them ſelues, be ſet, and haue their beyng. Which perſons ſo named, for and of the ſayd boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commiſſion in execution for the premiſſes out of the ſayde boroughes, and townes corporate, wherin they be ſo named only, nor to execute the ſayde commiſſion within the borough or towne corporate where they be ſo dwellyng, but at ſuch dayes and tymes as the ſayd other Commiſſioners for the ſame Shyre and Rydyng, ſhall therunto limit and appoynt, within the ſame Borough or Towne corporate, not being Countie corporate, whereof they be ſo named, and not out of ſuch Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be aydyng, and aſiſting with the ſaide other Commiſſioners, in, & for the good executing of the effect of the ſayde Commiſſion, vpon payne of euery of the ſayde Commiſſioners, ſo named for euery ſuch citie, borough, and towne corporate, not beyng a countie, to make ſuch fine as the ſaid other Commiſſioners in the commiſſion of and for the ſame Shire or Rydyng ſo named, or three of them at the leaſt, ſhall by their diſcretions ſet and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, in lyke maner as yf ſuch or lyke ſummes had ben ſet and rated vpon euery ſuch perſon for the ſayde Subſidye.

The which Commiſſioners, ſo named of and for the ſayde cities, boroughes, and townes, not beyng counties, and onely put in the ſayde Commiſſion by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commiſſioners and their clarkes, in this Act afterwarde ſpecified & alowed. And the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or the keper of the great Seale of England for the tyme beyng, ſhall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, ſeuerall Commiſſions: that is to ſaye, to euery Shire, Rydyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Iſle, & Houlholde, vnto ſuche perſon & perſons, as by his diſcretion, & any of the other with him afore named and appoynted, as is afore rehearſed, ſhalbe thought ſufficient, for the ſetting and leuying of the ſayde Subſidye, in all ſhires and places, according to the true meaning of this Act. Which Commiſſion for the firſt payment of the ſayde Subſidye, ſhalbe directed and deliuered to the ſayde Commiſſioners, or to one of them, before the xx. day of January next comming: And the Commiſſion for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhall be directed and delyuered to the ſayde Commiſſioners, or one of them, before the xx. day of January, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde GOD. M. D. lxiii. And to euery of the ſayde Commiſſions

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tenne Scedules, conteyning in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe affyled. By whiche Commission, the Commissioners in euery suche Commission named according to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission shall haue full power and auctho*r*itie, to put the effect of the same Commission, in execution: And that by auctho*r*itie of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of their Commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limittes of their sayde Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betwene them to be communed and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the Commission to them therein directed. Upon whiche seueraunce, euery person of this p*re*sent Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this p*re*sent Acte, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoynted according to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayd Houseliolde, or anye other place, and none other: shall truely effectually, and diligently for their parte, execute the effect of this p*re*sent Acte, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission, and Acte, shall for the taration of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidye, before the last day of January next comming: And for the taration of the sayde second payment of the sayde Subsidye, shall before the last day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundreth, thyrtie one and seuen, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct their seuerall or ioynte precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitaunces shall be requisite, of the moste substaunciall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitaunces, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbe appoynted

pointed by the sayde Commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, aswell within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shyres, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Ile aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two three or two of them, by their discretions in execution, shall seeme expedient, as by the matter and case of those parties shalbe requisite, straightly by the same precept charging, and commaunding the same inhabitaunts, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall diuide themselues according to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesaide, by their discretions shalbe limitted thereunto, to do and accomplish all that to them on the parte of the Queenes Maiestie shall be enioyned, touching this Acte: Commaunding further by the same precepte, that he to whose handes suche precepte shall come, shall deliuer or cause to be deliuered the same to the other inhabitaunts or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe the same, upon payne of forfaytures to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned, by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shyre, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that parte wherunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners then being present, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall call, or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitaunts officers, to whom they haue directed their said precepts, which had in commaundement by the same to appeare by force of the sayde precept. And if any person so warned, make default, whether he then be excused by sufficient excuse, or that of, there be witnesse by other of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in manner following: thereuppon suche person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery time appointed by the said Commissioners for the same

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tacion, vnto suche time the number of euery suche persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder written, euery of them so making default, or refusyng so to serue, shall forfayt to the Queenes Maiestie .xl.li. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporall oth, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwelling and abyding within the limittes of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their moste resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite, touchyng the sayde Act, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and thereupon, as neare as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, catteles, debtes, and other thinges chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfeyture of .x.li. or more, to be taxed, extracted, & leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Act shalbe limitted or appeynted. And thereupon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effecte of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificat, according to the rates and summes therein aboue sayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabiting within this Realme, as of suche persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goodes, and catteles of Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporations, Brotherheddes, Misteries, and Communalties, and other as is aboue sayde, and of persons lyeng in the parties of beyonde the seas, hauing goodes and catteles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aforesayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is aboue sayde: By the whiche information and shewing the sayde persons should haue suche playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the maner of their certificat, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignoraunce. And after suche charge, and the statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificat be made in writing, conteyning the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of yerely value of landes, and

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tenementes, and of suche like possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and everything to theym Certificat requisite and necessary to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoint and limit unto the sayde persons, another daye and place, to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons, that they in the meane time shall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the premisses, and then and there, every of them upon payne of forfayture of fourtie shillynges, to the Queenes Majestie to appeare at the sayd newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie unto the sayde Commissioners in writyng, according to theyr sayde charge, and according to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidye, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At which day and place so to them prefixed, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificat: that then every of them so offendyng, to forfayte to the Queenes Majestie fourtie shillynges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickenesse or otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons thereupon examined. And of such as appeare, ready to make Certificat as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receyve the same Certificat, and every parte thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of every person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by theyr agreement among themselves, shall from tyme to time openly there prefixe a day, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of theyr Commission, by theyr discretion, for their further proceading to the sayde assessing of the same Subsidie, and thereuppon at the sayde day of the sayde Certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylyffes, or other officers, of suche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprysyng and conteynyng in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde Certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therefore appointed by the Queenes Commission, shall then have determined suspect, to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattels, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce before sayde, then upon suche person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bailiffes, or other officers, commaundyng the same Constable, Baylyffes, or other officers, to whome suche preceptes

shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, at theyr mansions, or to theyr persons, that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at the same newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of theyr greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premysses, or any of them according to this Acte. At whiche day and place so prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, as is beforesayde, for their examination. And if any of those persons whiche shalbe warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within suche place where he may haue knowledge of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners be truely alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so making default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue bene set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substaunce vppon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng. Whiche Commissioners shall trauayle with euerye of the other persons so then and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme abouesayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of theyr best value, eyther in hereditamentes, or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes. And that euerye spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde taxations of the sayde Subsidye, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euery pounde that the same spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discente, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by copye of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and yerely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the yerely value of twentie shyllinges or aboue.

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And it is further enacted, that yf the sayde taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in they⁹ inquirie, taxation, assessemente or certificat, but shall affectionatlye, corruptly, or partially demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wyse, that the Commissioners shall by they⁹ considerac̃on deeme them offendours, worthye of punishement for not doyng they⁹ duetie therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for this Subsidye, shall haue power and auctho⁹itie, by they⁹ discretions eyther to charge the sayde assessours, vppon they⁹ corporall othes, for the better trouthe afore sayde in that behalfe, or els by they⁹ discretions to taxe and set vppon euery of the sayde assessours, for they⁹ misdemeanours in that behalfe, suche a fyne or payne, as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of tenne poundes, and the same fyne or payne, at they⁹ discretions to estreate into the Courte of Exchequer. Euery whiche fyne so tared and set by foure of the sayde Commissioners, or more, and beyng estreated with the Scedule or bookes of the same, shalbe leuied and aunswered to the Quenes vse, in like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purpoles, as any other summe that shalbe tared and become due by vertue of this estatute and Acte of Subsidye, and not in any other wyse or maner.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, of any sorte or value, doth fynde him selfe greeued with the same presentement, sessyng, or taxyng, and thereuppon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Court of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and distinctlye the person so complaynyng, vppon his othe and other his neyghbours, by they⁹ discretions, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, tattels and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had, and perceaued by the saide Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by auctho⁹itie afore sayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by they⁹ discretion, vppon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, maye abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, according as it shall appeare vnto them iuste, vppon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. And if it be proued by wytnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same

perſon ſo tared, and ſworne, haue of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne did declare vpon his ſaid othe: that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending ſhall loſe and forfaite to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſo muche in lawfull money of England, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, was ſet at, or tared to pay.

And it is alſo enacted by the ſame authoritie, that euery perſon to be rated at the ſayde taration, as is aforeſayde, ſhall be rated, tared, and ſet, and the ſumme on him ſet, to be leuied at ſuch place where he and his familie at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall kepe his houſe or dwelling, or where he then ſhalbe moſte conuerſaunt, abyding, or reſiaunt, or ſhall haue his moſte reſorte, at the tyme of the ſayde Certificat to be made, and no where elſe. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſidye, ſhall be rated or tared, for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that if any perſon chargeable to this Acte, at the time of the ſame aſſeſſyng, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet where he was laſte abyding in this Realme, or within Wales; and after the ſubſtaunce, value, and other profites of euery perſon, to be knowen by the examination, certificate or other maner of wyſe, as is aforeſayde. And that the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion or Commiſſions, ſhall after the rate and rates aforeſayde, cauſe euery perſon to be ſet, rated and tared, accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, rattels, and other profites chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt and moſt beſte ſumme or ſummes, accordyng to his moſte ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this Acte, myght or may be ſet, or tared. And that euery perſon tared in any Countie or place, other then where he is moſt reſiaunt or hath his familie, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner for this Subſidye, yf he be a Commiſſioner, vppon certificate made to the ſayde courte of Exchequier, vnder the handes and ſeales of two Commiſſioners for the Subſidye in the ſame Countie or place where ſuche perſon is moſte reſiaunte, or hath his familie, or where he is a Commiſſioner for the taration and paymente of this Subſidye, teſtifying ſuche his moſte reſiauntie, hauyng of familie, or beyng a Commiſſioner: ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge for the taration of that perſon in all other places, and of, and for all other ſummes of money vppon ſuche perſon to ſet and tared, ſaue onlye the taration made in that Countie or place from whiche ſuche certificat ſhalbe made, as is aforeſayde, and for the ſumme of monye vppon ſuche perſon there aſſeſſed or

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Prouided alwayes, that euery suche person, whiche shall be rated, or taxed, accordyng to the intent and true meanyng of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subsidye, for, and after the yerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profites, at any of the sayde taxations, shall not after be set and taxed for his goodes and cattelles, or other his moueable substaunce at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged or taxed for the same Subsidye, for his goodes, cattels and other moueables, at any of the sayde taxations, according to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall not after be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profites abouesayde, at the same taxations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taxation be double charged for the sayde Subsidye, nor set nor taxed at seuerall places by reason of this Acte. But yf any person happen to be double set, taxed, or charged, eyther in one place, or at seuerall places: then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, accordyng to the meanyng and intent of this Acte. Any thing contayned in this present Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe housholde seruaunt, or waytyng seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maister or Maistres, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayd Subsidye, in neyther of the places where he may be set or taxed, vnlesse he bryng a certificat in wryting from the Commissioners, where that he is so set or taxed in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be set and taxed to this present Subsidye, by reason of his remouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abyding in any place, not being forprised in this Acte, or otherwise, by his coueine or craft or by any wordes or sayinges, or yf any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others, happen to escape from the sayd taxations of this Subsidye, or any of them, and be not set and taxed, according to the true intent of this Act, & that proued by presentment, examination, information, or otherwise, before the said Commissioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where such persō dwelleth:

ethen euery suche person that by suche statutes, or any of them, ought
lyngly by obayne, or wilfoullye commyte, shall happen to faye from
the sayde statutes, or payementes aforesayde, or any of them, and
shall not be rated, taxed and set, shall be charged vppon the bowne
leage and profytt thereof, with and at the double dealing of suche
as ye should, myghte, or ought to haue benefet and profyt by ye true
of this acte. And the same double value to be demed, gathered,
and payde, of his goodes and catells, landes, and tenementes,
towardes the sayde Subsidye, and further to be punished accor-
dyng to the directions of the Statutes, Actes, and Commissio-
nes, before whom he shall be conuicted for his offence and deceipt
in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that
the sayde Commissioners in euery Commission, shall according to
they, deuision, and after they be sworne, haue full power and
authoritie by this acte, to set, rate, and tax euery other Commis-
sioner ioyned with them in euery suche Commission and deuision,
and shall also tax euery assessor within they, deuision, for his
and theire goodes, landes, and other the premisses, as is aboue sayde;
by the whiche sayde Commission the sayde Commissioners shall in-
differently set, tax, and assesse them selues and the sayde assessours.
And that as well the summes vppon euery of the sayde Commissio-
ners and assessours, so sessed, taxed, and tared, as the summe made
and presented by the presenters twoyne as is aboue sayde, shalbe
written, certified, set, and estreated, and the estrates thereof to
be made euery other the inhabitantes of that parties, within the
limites of the same Commission and deuision, so to be gathered
and leuied, in the manner as is aboue sayde, as they should haue ben, if the
sayde Commissioners had not ben in the sayde Commission. And
that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery
estate aboue, shall be charged with they, free holde, and value, as is
aboue sayde, by the Chauncellour, or Lord keper of the greate Seale
of England, the high Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng,
and other suche persons, as by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie
by commaundement, shall be named and appointed, and they to be
charged for the sayde seuerall payementes of the sayde Subsidye,
after the fourme of the sayde graunt, according to the taxation
aforesayde. And the summes set and vppon them, to be set and tared,
with the names of the Collectours, appointed for the gathering
and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified at
dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or
keper of the greate Seale, and Treasourer, and other suche persons,
as therevnto shalbe named.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that

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shall receyue for euery .li. so by them receyued and payde, .xii.
pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by
them to be made to the high Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the saide authoritie, that the saide
Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them
the execution and busines of the sayde Commission, shall for euery of
the same payments of the said Subsidye, name such sufficient and
hable persons, which shall haue and possede landes and other
hereditamentes, in their owne right of the yerely value of .xx. li. or
goodes to the value of two hundreth markes at the least, within
the Cyties, Townes, Burghes, Boroughes, Ryuers, Cities, Counties, Counties,
and Bayes wherein they dwell, as well within the places priuiledged, as
without, not being exempted within this Acte to be high Collec-
tours, and to haue the collection and receipt of the said summes lef
and leuiable within the precinct, limits, and boundes, wherein they
shall be so limitted and appointed to be high Collectours, and to
euery of the sayde Collectours so by them named, the sayde Commis-
sioners, or so many of them as the lest, with all speede, and without delay,
after the said whole Graunte of any payment of the said Subsidye, to
set by all the limitts of the saide their Commission. And the same
persones to the high Collectours shall so seuerally and greatly charge
their bookes & signes to haue, deliuer one effectuall indented re-
membrance, comprising in the same of all such persons as were assig-
ned to bee of the saide particular summes, and the summes of euery
persones, Wapentake, Towne, or other place so by them charged, with the names
and surnames of the persons so charged, according to the effect
of such thereof made & deliuered, as is aforesaid. And the Collectours
so to be assigned, shall be charged to answere the whole summe soe
payed to the sayde seuerall limitts to their collection, as is aforesaid.
And be it also enacted, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid,
that the sayde Commissioners, hauing authoritie by this Acte, to
name and nominate the sayde high Collectours of the said Subsidye,
shall immediately vpon the nomination and election take by auctho-
ritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Warrauntes and Dis-
charges, without any fee or rewarde to be payde therfore, of euery
person so by them to be named to be high Collectour, to be bounden
to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of
his collection, and to be endosed and made vpon suche condition;
That is to saye, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the
sayde Subsidye, that of the sayde Collectour, his heyres, or executours,
be truely content & pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie,
hes heyres, or successours, in the receipte of the sayde Exchequier,
at or before the sayde first of Aprill next ensuing, so much of the

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sayde summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth nexte after suche time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the said Recognisaunces or obligations to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidye, upon condition, that if the sayde collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely content and paye to the use of the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in her receipt of her Exchequer, at or before the first day of Aprill, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M.D.lviii. so muche of the sayd summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth nexte after such tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stand in full strength and vertue. Which sayde seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall severally certifie and deliuer into the Quenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde taxations and rates of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificat of the sayd seuerall taxations of the sayd Subsidye, upon payne of forfayture of .x. li. to the Quenes maiestie, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collectour, so elected, named, and chosen, upon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, upon lyke payne and forfayture of .x.li. to the Quenes Maiestie, for the recognisaunce thereof. And euery Collectour, so deputed, hauing the sayde estreate in parchement, as is afore sayde, shall haue authoritie by this Acte, to appoint dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the sayde Subsidye, to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by Proclamation, or otherwyse, to all the Constables, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundredes, Paryshes, Townes, or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for the sayd particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne. And if at the same day and place so limitted and prefired by the sayd high Collectour, the sayde Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, as is afore sayde, for the sayde perticular collection assigned and appointed within suche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the said high Collectours, the summe within their seuerall Hundredes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places, due, and comprised in the sayd estreate thereof to them deliuered by the sayde Commissioners, or some of them, as is afore sayde, or

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so much thereof as they haue by any meane receyued (ii. d. of euery pounde, for the sayde particular collection, as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof alowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall be lawfull to the sayde hygh Collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for their sayde seuerall and particular collection of the sayde summes, comprysed in the sayde estreate and wryting thereof to them and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behynde and vnpayde, by the goodes and cattels of euery of them so being behinde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and solde, as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the saide distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessour or Collectour, of, or for any parte of the sayde Subsidye, in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the Collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, according to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, gardian, deputie, factour, or attourney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Misterie, or other whatsoeuer comminaltie, being incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in theyr rule, gouernaunce, and custody, any goodes or cattels, at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for him selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custody of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Comminaltie, Fraternitie, Guylde, or Misterie, or any suche other lyke, or as factour, deputie or atturney, of, or for any person: shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with ye receipt of the same, happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert

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manner kept, as the sayde person or persons is charged with the same, by estreates or other writyngs from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe there named appointed by the sayde Commission, as is aforesayde, can he may levie the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesayde payeng vnto suche distresse or distresses, as shalbe taken by any of the sayde persones, before the tyme limited to the high Collectour, for suche payment to be made in the Queenes Majesties exchequer: then vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the other aforesayde of such person or persons as shalbe charged with iudging the receipte and collection of the same, before the sayde Commissioners or any two of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where suche person or persons, or their goodes sayde, there, goodes and cattels, were first entered, and upon playner certificat thereof made in the Queenes Majesties exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwelling place, names, and surnames of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes ought to be levied and paid as aforesayde: then as well the Constables and other vnder officers appointed for the sayde execution of the same, against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompte and retorne thereof in the exchequer to be discharged thereof: and provided alwayes that the Warrantes vnder the seale of the saide exchequer by the aforesaide Barons of the sayde exchequer, for and touching suche persons, their heyres, or executours, so being charged with their payment, shall mencion that the same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made, in forme aforesayde, from time to time shall have full power and authoritie, by all due waies, precepte or preceptes vnder the said persons or persons charged with any summe, or for and vpon any such person or persons, vnto all and singuler Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Stewards, Bailiffe, or other vnder officers, ministers, persons or persons, of such place or places where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall have landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, goodes and cattels, wherein any such person or persons so indebted, his heyres, executours, assignes, or other having the custody, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath and shall have goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of such Commission where suche person or persons was and were dwelling, or without, in any place within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Majesties Dominions, Marches, or Territories

By vertue of this precept, all well suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such summe or summes as the officers of the place or places, where such persons may be taken, shall haue full power and auctoritie to distreyne euery such person charged, and chargeable by this Act, in his or their dwellinge houses or other houses, landes, or tenementes, for all such goodes and cattelles as the same person or persons shall haue in his or their owne occupyinge, or in the occupyinge of his or their seruauntes, factors, deputies, stewardes, farmers, and assignes, and all other person or persons whose handes, or any of whose handes any such person or persons shall haue, or hold any tythes, landes, tenementes, or other premisses, chargeable by this Act, for or in the right of such person or persons, or any of them, and the distresse so taken, shall keepe, and detayne, vntill such time as the same distresse shalbe replevied by such person or persons, to whom the goodes or cattelles distreyned did belonge, by sufficient suertie, according to the lawe, with full power and auctoritie to the said Commissioners, or to any three or more of them, to appoynte and assigne such person or persons, as they shall thinke good, to sell and dispose of the said distresse, and goodes and cattelles so distreyned, for the most benefite and aduantage that may be had or made thereof, towardes the payment of the summe or summes of money, charged vpon the person or persons, whose goodes or cattelles shalbe so distreyned, and to deliuer vnto the buyer or buyers thereof, the goodes or cattelles so sold, for such price as shalbe giuen for the same, and the ouerplus of the money, remayninge after the payment of the said summe or summes, and the reasonable charges of the said distresse and sale, to restore vnto the owner or owners of the said goodes and cattelles, vpon demaunde: And if any such person or persons, vpon whom any such distresse shalbe taken, for non payment of any such summe or summes, as aforesaid, shall after such distresse taken, and notice thereof left with him or them, at his or their dwellinge house, or other house, landes, or tenementes, chargeable by this Act, for or in the right of such person or persons, or any of them, make default in the payment of the said summe or summes, by the space of fiue dayes, after such distresse taken, and notice left as aforesaid, that then it shalbe lawfull to and for the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, by their precept, to be directed to the Constables, or other officers of the Towne, Parishe, or Hamlet, where such person or persons shall dwell, or haue any goodes or cattelles, to leuie by sale of his or their goodes and cattelles, rendring to the owner or owners thereof the ouerplus, as aforesaid, all such summe or summes of money, as shalbe behinde and vnpayd, together with reasonable charges for the leuying thereof: And if any person or persons, vpon whom any such distresse shalbe taken, for non payment of any such summe or summes, as aforesaid, shall after such distresse taken, and notice thereof left as aforesaid, that then it shalbe lawfull to and for the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, by their precept, to be directed to the Constables, or other officers of the Towne, Parishe, or Hamlet, where such person or persons shall dwell, or haue any goodes or cattelles, to leuie by sale of his or their goodes and cattelles, rendring to the owner or owners thereof the ouerplus, as aforesaid, all such summe or summes of money, as shalbe behinde and vnpayd, together with reasonable charges for the leuying thereof: And if any such

to pay the sayde summes, and by this Act shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to kepe in prison, within the shire or other place, where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynprysle, vntill he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for him selfe, or for any other, by this Act shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery such arrest, to him or them that shall execute suche precept. xx. d. And that euery officer, vnto whom suche precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indebted, vpon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe. xx. s. And that no keper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any suche person to go at large by letting to bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayde. xx. d. for the sayd arrest, vppon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie. xl. s. and the same Gailer to pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswell of the rate which the sayde persons so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde. xx. d. for the fees. And like processe and remedie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therunto appoynted, at lyke information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the saide Subsidie, and not therof paide, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where suche persons were therevnto tared. And yf the summe or summes, beyng behinde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the same Commissioners, or yf in default or for lacke of payment therof, the person or persons so owing the sayde summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to prison in fourme abouesayde: that then the sayde Commissioners whiche shall awarde suche processe, shall make certificat therof in the sayde Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowing after suche summe or summes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same committed to prison.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborow, Burtholder, Bailiffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to him or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touching the premisses, or other default, in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently tared, as is aforesaide, do refuse to be examined, according to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesayde, or will not appeare before the same Commissioners vppon warning to him made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, vppon any distresse vppon him to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of wise contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wilfull not doyng, or misdoyng contrary to the tenour of this Acte or graunt: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vppon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information, or examination, shall and may set vppon euery suche offendour for euery suche offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forfeyted, fourtie shillinges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctoritie by this present Acte, to punishe euery suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient: the sayd fines, if any such be, to be certified by the sayde Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner, as yf the sayd fines had ben set and tared vppon the sayde offendours, for the saide Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayde high Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Exchequer, vpon their seuerall accomptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi. d. as parcell of their charge: That is to saye, of euery pounde thereof, for suche person as then haue had the particuler collection in the Townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified in his collection. ii. d. And other. ii. d. of euery pounde therof euery of the sayd chiefe Collectours or their accomptauntes to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge, in and

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about the premisses. And .ii.d. of euery pounde vesidue to be deliuered, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng therof allowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for and about the premisses: That is to say, euerye Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the writinges, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for the expences of the sayde Commissioners so taking vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clarkes writing the sayde preceptes and extractes for the sayde collections, the foure halfe .d. of euery pounde to be deuided amongest the said Commissioners, hauing regarde to their labour and businesse, taken by them or their sayde Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. And for the whiche part to the sayde Commissioners attayning, the sayde Commissioners, vi. viiii. iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe thertunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their saide parte, may haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche therof ben and might haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther Iniunction, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person beyng of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any Collectour or Subcollectour, or procuratour of the sayde Subsidie, or of any parte therof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentemente or Certificate, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, in, or concerning the sayde Subsidie, or any parte therof. And likewise that no other person that shalbe named or assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie, be, or shalbe assigned or named head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, neyther of anypart therof. And that euery suche person or persons whiche shalbe named and appointed as is aboue sayde, to be head Collectours, in, and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, or for any parte therof. And the vnder Collectours which shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidie, or for any part therof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited and discharged of all manner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accompters, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receaue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any suche accomptaunte: that then he shall forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie, for

euery peny or value of euery peny so taken, fine shillinges, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchement, vnto the Collectour, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayd Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes, shall haue meeting together, at whiche meeting, euery of the sayde Commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the sayd Commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bring foorth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayd Commission, the Certificat and presentment, made before him and such other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same Certificat may be accompted and cast with the other Certificates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, yf any be in lyfe, or their executours, or administratours of their goodes yf they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerallye, as they were deuided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indented, contayning in it, aswel the names of the said Collectours, by the Commissioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes written vnto euery suche Collectours to receaue the saide Subsidie. And also al fines, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures, if any such by reason of this Act happen to be within the precinct & limit of their Commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners. In which writing or writinges indented, so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expressed the whole and entire summe or summes of the sayde Subsidie, seuerally limitted to the collection of the sayde Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the sayd Collectours so certified in the sayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his felowe, but euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners ioyned in one commission, among themselues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Commissioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in fourme aforesaid, of their seuerall limits, or seperations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in

the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke deuisions within their sayde seuerall limittes of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good, to make deuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompe for his parte to him to be limitted, onely by him selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours to be set and certified seuerally vppon them. And euery suche Collectour, vppon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be seuerally by him selfe acquited and discharged in the sayde Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to anye person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesayde, shall before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and writinges thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidie, or any other person taxed, or otherwyse by this Acte charged with and for any parcell of the sayde Subsidye, or with any other summes, fyne, amercyament, penaltie, or other forfayture, happen to dye, before the Commissioner, Collectour, or other, whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfyed, or sufficiently discharged that whiche to euery suche person shall appertayne or belong to do, according to this Acte: then the executours and heyres of euery suche person, and all other seased of any landes and tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this Acte, and deceassing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely had, of estate of inheritaunce, at the time that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwise charged with and for anye maner of thing to be done, satisfied, or payde, by reason of this Acte: And all those that haue in their possessions or handes, any goodes, cattels, leases, or other thinges, that were to any suche person or persons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes, that were the same persons, at the tyme he was (as is aforesayde) charged by this Acte, shall be by the same compelled and charged, to do, and accomplyshe to do, in euery case as the same person so beyng charged should haue done, and might haue bene compelled to do, yf he had bene in playne lyfe, after suche rate, of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his hande. And yf the sayde Commissioners, for causes reasonable

them mouing, shall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one Certificat, as is aboue sayde: then the sayde person or persons that shall fyrst ioyne together, or he that shall fyrst certifie the sayde writing indented, as is aboue sayde, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, whereuppon suche writinges shalbe there then to be certified, with deuision of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tythinges, or other places, to, and among suche Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where suche seperations and deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswell of and for the sayde Subsidie, tared or set, of, or within the sayde Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them deuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde fyrst writing, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfaytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes whereof the same writinges shalbe certified, and after suche wryting indented, whiche, as is aboue sayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and tared within the limittes of the same Commission, the other commissioners of the same, before the daye of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer, by theyr writing or writinges indented, to be made as is aboue sayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and tared within the places to them limitted for the sayde Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forfaytures, with the names of the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by their sayde writinges indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same daye of payment, suche reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche Certificat, of and for the sayde Subsidie, fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures growing or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their non certifying, as is aboue sayde, or els in default thereof, procede to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, against the sayde Commissioners, and euery of them, not making Certificat, as is aboue sayde, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Parysshe of Saint Martin called Stamford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Burough and Towne of Stamford, in the South part of the water there called Welland, whiche hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidy, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, hir heires and successours shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for this time, by such Commissioners which shalbe appointed for the taxing, rating and setting of suche Subsidie or tare, within the Countie of Lincolne,

and

and shalbe for this time contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidye to the Collectour or Collectours which shalbe assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, hauing manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme in their conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then if any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his or their goodes and cattels: that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saide goodes and cattelles, the beste thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrarye, in anywise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thing therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitaunces or dwellers in Irelande, Jerneley and Garneley, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitaunces or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them, of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitaunces or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Irelande, Jerneley and Garneley, or in any of them. Any thing in this present Acte to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also that this present Acte of Subsidie, nor any thing therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englishe inhabitaunces or reliaunces, in anye of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshoprike of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning anye manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitaunces or dwellers, or anye other to their vse, haue within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the Towne of Barwicke, the

Towne

Towne of Newcastle vppon Tine, or the Bishoprieke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwiche, the Towne of Newecastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshoprieke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde taxing, layeing, gathering, or payment: but that the Englishe inhabitauntes and reliauntes, and euery of them, of the sayd Counties, Bishoprieke, and Townes, and euery of them, shall be of, and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for their manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and beyng in the sayde Counties, Townes, and Bishoprieke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: Any thing in this present Acte before rehearied to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her moste noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes, within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche graunctes of Subsidies whiche be at this present time in force and hayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall, to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the grant and wayghoie consideration of the graunt aboue sayde, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, forme, and fourme as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche be not in any wise priuiledged, but be by this Acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that no Diplaunte or Infante within the age of xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to him or her left or bequeathed: Any thing in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contayned, shall extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bysshop Wyttham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Edwarde the Fourth Windsor, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, vnto assigned or appointed for the fynding and liuinges of the poore Knightes, founded in the Castell of Colledge of Windsor, by our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes or cattels of the sayde Knightes, or of any of them, or to the

goodes

goodes or landes of any common free Graunter schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remayning for studie, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Uniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any their seruauntes dayly attendaunt vpon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruauntes belonging to any of the sayde Uniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwelling and resiaunt within the sayde Uniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Measondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people: Any thing in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thing therein contayned, do not in any wise extende, or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their members incorporate or vnite [illegible] to any of the same fiue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayde summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fiue Portes, and their members, be and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, during their resiauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte, had or made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, be at this present time, charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, and to the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thing therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within anye of the sayde Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan,

with

with this present Subsidie, or any of the payments therof graun-
ted by this Acte, untill the last day for them appointed for the pay-
ment of the last Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie that
nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the first payment of the
sayde Subsidie, graunted by this present Act, shalbe by them made
at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the first day of
Nouember nexte folowing after the sayde laste daye appointed for
the payment of the last Subsidie. And the second payment of this
Subsidie, to be made at the sayde receipt of Exchequer, before the
first day of June then next folowing.

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¶ An Acte of the Queenes MAIESTIES FREE AND GENERALL Pardon.

¶ The xix. Chapter.

THE Queenes moofte excellent Maiestie, considering the great zeale and affection, which her louing and obedient subiects beareto her highnesse, as by many waies they haue declared and shewed from time to time, sythens the beginning of her Maiesties reigne, and calling to her moste gracious remembrance, into how many penalties and daungers of her Maiesties lawes, diuerse of her saide louing subiectes be fallen, and couetyng rather their amendementes by gentle and mercifull meanes, then with seuere execution of her highnesse lawes, to be enwyched by their euill deedes and offences, and trustyng assuredlye, that her saide louing subiectes will continue in their due obedience and louing heartes towardes her Maiestie, and that they from henceforth will endeuour them selues, as obedient subiectes to liue according to her highnesse lawes: Her Maiestie is therefore mercifully enclined and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her saide louing subiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and thereby to deliuer her saide subiectes from suche daungers, penalties, and forfaitures, as through their offences they haue iustly deserued. And therefore her maiestie is well pleased and contented, that it be enacted by the auethoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and fourme following.

That is to saye, that all and euery of her saide subiectes (aswell spirituall as temporall, of this her highnesse Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Garnesey, and the towne of Barwicke, the heires, successours, executours, and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wise corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, villages, Hamlettes, and Tithinges, and euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them: shalbe by auctoritie of this present

Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releassed, and dischargeed, against the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of all maner of treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, trespases, intrusions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, and summes of money, paines of death, paines corporall, and pecuniarie, and generallye of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, and executions, in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, whiche may be or can be by her highnes in any wise or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the .xxvi. day of September, in the eight yere of her most gracious reigne, to euery or any of her saide Subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithinges, or any of them.

And also the Queenes highnes is contented, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that her saide free pardon shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of her saide Subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and against all thinges, which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forprised, as the same pardon should haue bene, yf all offences, contemptes, forfaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forprised) had ben particulerly, singulerly, specially, and plainely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse words and names, in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes thervnto requisite to haue bene put in, and expressed in this present Act of fre pardon. And that her saide Subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires, executours, or administratours of any of them, nor of the saide bodies corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them, be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfaiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing, suffered, done, or committed before the saide .xxvi. day of September, against her highnes, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statute: But onely for such matters, causes, and offences, as be plainelye rehearsed in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vsages, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrarie, in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her said subiectes, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all goodes, cattelles

telles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfaited, which to her highnes do or should belong or apperteine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entree, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or quarell suffered, done, or committed by them, or any of them, before the saide xxvi. day of September, which be not hereafter forepriled and excepted in this present Acte, And that all and every the Queenes saide subiectes, and all and singuler bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by him or them selfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attourney or attourneys, according to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon for his or their discharge, of and for every thing that is by vertue of this present Act pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any person or persons, for writing or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concerning suche plea, writing, or entrie, but onely xbi. pence to be payde to the officer or Clarke that shal enter the plea, matter, or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any statute, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that her said free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearled, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, alowed, and taken in all maner of courtes of her highnes, and els where, alwell in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forepriles specified in this present Acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes, and sentences, mentioned and rehearled in the saide free pardon, most beneficially and auailably to all and singuler her saide subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before rehearled, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge against her highnes, her heires, successours, and executours, in euery thing, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delaye whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, or aleaged by the Quene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, successours, or executours, or by her or any of their generall attourney or attourneys, or by anye person or persons for her highnes or any of her heyres, successours, or executours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladye, and by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if any officer or Clarke of any of her highnes courtes, commonly called the Kinges Benche, Chauncerie, and Common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or Clarke of any other of her courtes within this Realme, at any time after the laste daye of this present moneth of December, make out or write out any maner of writtes or other procelle, or any extractes, summons, or other preceptes, where-

by any of the saide Subiectes, or any of the saide bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested attached, distrained, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greeued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf anye Sheriffe or Eschetour, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bailiffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwayes, after the saide last daye of December, do leuie, receaue, or take anye thing pardoned or discharged by this Acte: that then euery such person so offending, and therof lawefully condemned, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so greeued or offended, treble damages, besides all costes of the suite: And neuerthelesse, all and singuler such writtes, processe, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thinge pardoned or discharged by this present Acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voide and of none effecte.

Except and alwayes foreprised out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of high treason, committed or done by anye person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte, against the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed, or done by any person or persons against the Queenes person. And also excepted all & all maner of treasons cōmitted or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions. And all suites, punishmentes, executions, and paines of death, forfaitures, and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, al and euery piracie and robbery done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntarie murders and wilfull poysoninges, and al and euery robbery done vpon any person or persons in any dwelling house or houses in the daye time. And all felonious takinge of any money or bullion out of the house of treasurie or receipt within the Towre of London, & all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to anye of the saide offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauishmentes of women. And all wilfull escapes (aswell) of traitours and felons (as also) of Clarkes attainted. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all persons attainted or outlawed for any treason, murther, or robbery. And also (excepted) all and euery maner of takinge from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any traitour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, being persons attainted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also all

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goodes and cattels forfaited to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felony heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vpon any mannours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, and the taking of any the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of our saide Soueraigne Lady, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of any of the Queenes committes. And also all and euerye fine and fines, for the single and double value of the mariage or mariages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any time growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also all and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidye. And all and singuler accomptes of all and euery Collectour and Collectours of anye Subsidye, Fifteene, Beneuolence, Wise, or contribution. And of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes highnesse, or to her moste noble father kinge Henry the eyght, or to king Edwarde the firt, or to Queene Mary, or to anye of them, and the heyres, executours, and administratours of euerye suche accomptant. And all and singuler arrerages of accomptes. And all vntrue accomptes, & all impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, which can or may be had of or for anye accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) all incloſures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuerting of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme & effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forepised out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, tared, set, extreated, or entred, seuerally or particularly, touching or concerning any person or persons. And also excepted and forepised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler moniers, and other officers, minters, or workemen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties mintes, within this Realme, or anye other her dominions, and all impetitions and punishementes for the same. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all rauishmentes and wrongfull taking and withholding of anye the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any time cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or to bee to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare Impedit, and all Homages, releke and releikes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seckes, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes highnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Quenes Maiestye, or to anye her noble progenitours,

genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, Fiftéene, benevolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes and meanes. And also all debtes, which were, or be due to our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, or to the moste noble king of famous memory King Henry the seuenth, or to king Henry the eight, kinge Edwarde the sixth, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons to anye of their vses, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise, other then suche as are due vpon any obligation or recognisaunce, forfaite before the saide. xxvi. day of September, for non appearaunce in any court, or other place, or for not kepinge of the peace, or not being of good behauiour. And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all and singuler forfaitures beinge due or accrued to our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, by any penaltie of any Acte, statute, or statutes, which forfaitures bee conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendour or offendours, or els where of there is any verdict past for the Queene. And also excepted all forfaitures and other penalties and profites growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempte, or other Acte, had, suffered, committed or done contrarye to any Acte, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, whereof anye action, bill, plaint, or information is sued, exhibite or dependinge in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the Kinges Benche, and the common place, or before the Councell in the Starre chaumber, or whereof the Queenes highnes by her bill signed, or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or allignement to any person or persons. And also excepted and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons, as the. xxiiii. daye of this present moneth of December, in the. ir. yere of her Maieslties reigne, be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in the Fleete, and all persons put to execution before the saide. xxiiii. daye of December. And also excepted oute of this free pardon, all offences of forging or counterfaiting of anye false deedes, escriptes, or writinges, and all procuring or concealing of any such counterfaiting or forging to be had or made. And also excepted all penalties, forfaitures, and titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of the breache, or not performing of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery such person & persons which sithens the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions for any offence of high treason, petie treason, misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euerye offence and offences, touching or concerninge the carying, sendinge, or conuerting ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, siluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde or siluer, contrarye

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were onlie by the Queenes licence. And also except all suche persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maisties licence. And also all suche persons as haue returned and had licence to depart the Realme for a time and nowe do abide out of the Realme without any lawfull excuse, after the time of their licence [illegible]

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho[illegible]itie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, whiche haue tendered or ought to haue liuery out of our saide Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuerie and liueries, out of our said Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of his or their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, yf this Acte had neuer bene had ne made: Any Article, thing or things in this present Acte of generall and free pardon, comprised and specified to the contrarie notwithstanding. And also except out of this free pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons, where the correction and punishment dothe appertaine by the order and iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Judge or court. And also except out of this pardon, all offences of conjurations, witchcraftes, inchauntmentes, and sorceries, committed or done contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctho[illegible]itie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vt legatum at the suite of the partie plaintife, against suche persons outlawes, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendauntes to make aunswere to the plaintife or plaintifles, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that euerye person so outlawed, shal sue a writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe alowed to him that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and euery suche person and persons, as before the saide .xxiiii. day of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe keping of any other person or persons, out of any ordinary prison, by the Queenes Maisties expresse order and commaundement, and whiche nowe be remayning and continuing in such custodie and keping. And also except

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out of this pardon, all felonious taking of any money, plate, bation, or other thing out of any part of the Queenes Maieſties houſe and court, where her highneſſe is none reſident, or where hereafter her Maieſtie hath bene reſident. And alſo except all forging and counterfaicting of any money or coyne current within this Realme. Item alſo excepte out of this generall and free pardon, one Henry Jackſon, late of Martins Colledge in Oxfordſhire.

God ſaue the Queene.

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